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Preface

TO THE FOURTH EDITION

THE sale of the Third Edition (of 5,000 copies) of a Manual of the type of *The Divine Liturgy*, in addition to the sale of even larger numbers of at least two, amongst many other Altar books intended for different classes of worshippers, and adapted to different degrees of spirituality, is a proof that devotions from Ancient Sources are widely employed in the Church of England, as well as a sign of the steady advance of the Catholic Revival.

The call for a new Edition of the book has enabled the Editor to make certain alterations, in the way both of addition and of omission. It is now finally presented in a form as perfect as he can hope to impress upon a work which has been gradually improved by successive revisions.

The size of the page and of the letter in which the Manual is printed have been increased. But by economizing space in the re-arrangement of materials, the contents have been considerably enlarged whilst the published price remains unaltered. The cheap edition alone is not re-issued, as the demand for it was comparatively small. The present

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volume can be bound with several editions of the Prayer Book, or with the Collects, Epistles and Gospels of the Church.

Amongst other portions of the work which have been omitted from the last issue, may be mentioned the Warning and Exhortation in the Office, which are not used at the daily Celebration; some Devotions formerly repeated in different parts of the book, and now printed under the title of Common Forms, which may be committed to memory; certain terminations of many of the prayers, which are instinctively added by the worshipper; and the Conferences, which seemed to be more appropriately placed in a Manual, in course of preparation, for Altar Worship, than in one devoted to Sacramental Communion.

Amongst the additions may be mentioned one, in an element which has always formed a marked feature in *The Divine Liturgy*, the supply of Eucharistic Hymns. The majority of the Hymns printed in the first edition, published in the year 1862, some of which were subsequently omitted, have been replaced. A list of them, in their several positions, appears in the Table of Contents; and it may be said, without disparagement to other and perhaps more valuable books of devotion, that they form the completest collection of Hymns on the Holy Communion in our language, available for Altar use. The Contents likewise show further details of the additions which have been effected in this edition. They include a restoration of nearly all the strictly devotional matter of the original issue.

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The book is mainly intended for actual Communicants in the Office at which they assist. It can also be used for Spiritual Communion, and by those who worship without reception. In the Order of Holy Communion some additional private prayers have been inserted to meet the advanced requirements of a yearly increasing number of devout worshippers; and others have been introduced which are suitable only for a High Celebration. On great Festivals in many Churches, and ordinarily in some, solemn functions are now held at an early hour for the purpose of reception. The prayers which are suitable only for these offerings of the Holy Sacrifice can easily be overpassed at a Low Celebration.

The private prayers inserted into the framework of the Office, have been confined, as a rule, to such as can be conveniently offered at any one Celebration. Longer forms of devotion, suitable for use before and after the Consecration, have been printed in a division of the book apart, and have been arranged for daily use throughout the week. This arrangement insures variation in the Eucharistic prayers of a large body of the faithful who desire, and in many Churches are enabled, to adore their LORD daily in the highest act of Christian worship, and in the only form which has the sanction of Divine institution.

The sources of the various devotions, as a question of antiquarian interest rather than of religious edification, have been omitted: but it may be pointed out, in general terms, that the prayers are

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drawn chiefly from the old English, the Latin, and the Greek rites. Having been formerly made, it is not necessary to repeat, also, the acknowledgment of hearty thanks to the many contributors to the book, and specially to the authors or translators of all the hymns. The debt, both as regards the Editor of the work and the owner of each copy, is as great as ever.

In conclusion, the Editor ventures to make two petitions to his readers.

First: in view of the urgent needs of the Catholic Revival in the Church of England, that whilst the efforts of the faithful are not relaxed to increase the number of Churches in which the Holy Sacrifice is again offered daily, they will earnestly and ceaselessly pray for the abiding Presence of our Divine Master in the Reserved Sacrament, and for the untold blessings which will ensue from a revival of the primitive and Catholic custom of Reservation.

Secondly: in view of the dangers and difficulties which surround English Catholics at the present day, collectively and individually, that if any shall derive spiritual benefit from the use of this book, of their charity they will sometimes remember before the Altar of God, whether in life or in death, the soul of its Compiler,

ORBY SHIPLEY.

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Common Forms

Anima Christi.

SOUL of CHRIST, sanctify me:
BODY of CHRIST, save me:
BLOOD of CHRIST, inebriate me:
Water from the Side of CHRIST, wash me:
Passion of CHRIST, strengthen me:
O Good JESU, hear me,
[And grant me . . . . .]:
Within Thy Wounds hide me:
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee,
[And keep me from . . . . .]:
From the malicious enemy defend me:
In the hour of my death call me,
And bid me come to Thee:
That with Thy Saints I may praise Thee
For all Eternity.

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Act of Reparation.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who hast willed to submit Thyself to all the irreverences and profanations of those who discern not their LORD'S BODY in the most Holy Sacrament, and yet willest not to withdraw Thy divine and sacred Presence from our Altars; grant unto me, I most humbly beseech Thee, the grace to bewail, with true bitterness of heart and spirit, the indignities and sacrileges committed against Thy supreme Majesty; that, with sincere love and affection, and so far as lies in my power, by profound adoration and reverence, I may make reparation unto Thee for the many ignominies and dishonours Thou hast received, and still continuest to receive in this ineffable Mystery: Who livest and reignest, in the Unity of the Eternal FATHER and the HOLY SPIRIT, One GOD, world without end.

Prayer for Unity.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who saidst unto Thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; regard not my sins, but the faith of Thy Church; and grant her that Peace and Unity, which is agreeable to Thy Will: Who livest and reignest GOD, for ever and ever.

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Office in Preparation

IN the Name ✠ of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST. Amen.

Daily
and for the Living

Antiphon. My soul hath a desire and longing.

Psalm 84. *Quam dilecta.*

O HOW amiable are Thy dwellings : Thou LORD of Hosts.

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the Living GOD.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young : even Thy Altars, O LORD of Hosts, my King and my GOD.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house : they will be alway praising Thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee : in whose heart are Thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery, use it for a well : and the pools are filled with water.

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They will go from strength to strength : and unto the GOD of Gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O LORD GOD of Hosts, hear my prayer : hearken, O GOD of Jacob.

Behold, O GOD our Defender : and look upon the face of Thine Anointed.

For one day in Thy courts : is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my GOD : than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the LORD GOD is a light and defence; the LORD will give grace and worship : and no good thing shall He withhold from them that live a godly life.

O LORD GOD of Hosts : blessed is the man that putteth his trust in Thee.

Glory be to the FATHER.

Antiphon. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD.

Sunday
and Festivals of our Lord

Antiphon. Show us Thy mercy, O LORD.

Psalm 85. *Benedixisti, Domine.*

LORD, Thou art become gracious unto Thy land : Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

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Thou hast forgiven the offence of Thy people : and covered all their sins.

Thou hast taken away all Thy displeasure : and turned Thyself from Thy wrathful indignation.

Turn us then, O God our Saviour : and let Thine anger cease from us.

Wilt Thou be displeased at us for ever : and wilt Thou stretch out Thy wrath from one generation to another?

Wilt Thou not turn again and quicken us : that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?

Show us Thy mercy, O Lord : and grant us Thy salvation.

I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me : for He shall speak peace unto His people, and to His saints, that they turn not again.

For His salvation is nigh them that fear Him : that glory my dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together : righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall flourish out of the earth : and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall show loving-kindness : and our land shall give her increase.

Righteousness shall go before Him : and He shall direct His going in the way.

Glory be to the Father.

Antiphon. Show us Thy mercy, O Lord : and grant us Thy salvation.

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Monday
and Feasts of our Lady

Antiphon. LORD, who shall dwell in Thy tabernacle?

Psalm 15. *Domine, quis habitabit?*

LORD, who shall dwell in Thy tabernacle : or who shall rest upon Thy holy hill?

Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life, and doeth the thing which is right : and speaketh the truth from his heart.

He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour : and hath not slandered his neighbour.

He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes : and maketh much of them that fear the LORD.

He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not : though it were to his own hindrance.

He that hath not given his money upon usury : nor taken reward against the innocent.

Whoso doeth these things : shall never fall.

Glory be to the FATHER.

Antiphon. LORD, who shall dwell in Thy tabernacle : or who shall rest upon Thy holy hill?

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Tuesday
and Festival Seasons

Antiphon. Teach me Thy way.

Psalm 86. *Inclina, Domine.*

BOW down Thine ear, O LORD, and hear me : for I am poor, and in misery.

Preserve Thou my soul, for I am holy : my GOD, save Thy servant that putteth his trust in Thee.

Be merciful unto me, O LORD : for I will call daily upon Thee.

Comfort the soul of Thy servant : for unto Thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

For Thou, LORD, art good and gracious : and of great mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

Give ear, LORD, unto my prayer : and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon Thee : for Thou hearest me.

Among the gods there is none like unto Thee, O LORD : there is not one that can do as Thou doest.

All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship Thee, O LORD : and shall glorify Thy Name.

For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things : Thou art GOD alone.

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Teach me Thy way, O LORD, and I will walk in Thy truth : O knit my heart unto Thee, that I may fear Thy Name.

I will thank Thee, O LORD my GOD, with all my heart : and will praise Thy Name for evermore.

For great is Thy mercy toward me : and Thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.

O GOD, the proud are risen against me : and the congregations of naughty men have sought after my soul, and have not set Thee before their eyes.

But Thou, O LORD GOD, art full of compassion and mercy : long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

O turn Thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me : give Thy strength unto Thy servant, and help the son of Thine handmaid.

Show some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it, and be ashamed : because Thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

Glory be to the FATHER.

Antiphon. Teach me Thy way, O LORD, and I will walk in Thy truth.

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Wednesday
and Advent

Antiphon. I said, I will confess my sins unto the LORD.

Psalm 32. *Beati, quorum.*

BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven : and whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth no sin : and in whose spirit there is no guile.

For while I held my tongue : my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

For Thy hand is heavy upon me day and night : and my moisture is like the drought in summer.

I will acknowledge my sin unto Thee : and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my sins unto the LORD : and so Thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto Thee in a time when Thou mayest be found : but in the great waterfloods they shall not come nigh him.

Thou art a place to hide me in ; Thou shalt preserve me from trouble : Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go : and I will guide thee with Mine eye.

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Be ye not like to horse and mule which have no understanding : whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.

Great plagues remain for the ungodly : but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD, mercy embraceth him on every side.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the LORD : and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

Glory be to the FATHER.

Antiphon. I said, I will confess my sins unto the LORD; and so Thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

Thursday
and Holy Days

Antiphon. I will receive the Cup of Salvation.

Psalm 116, *ver.* 10. *Credidi.*

I BELIEVED, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled : I said in my haste, All men are liars.

What reward shall I give unto the LORD : for all the benefits that He hath done unto me?

I will receive the cup of salvation : and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows now in the presence of all His people : right dear in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

Behold, O LORD, how that I am Thy servant :

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I am Thy servant, and the son of Thine handmaid; Thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving: and will call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows unto the LORD, in the sight of all His people: in the courts of the LORD's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

Glory be to the FATHER.

Antiphon. I will receive the Cup of Salvation: and call upon the Name of the LORD.

Friday

Lent and Days of Penitence

Antiphon. I will confess my wickedness.

Psalm 38. *Domine, ne in furore.*

PUT me not to rebuke, O LORD, in Thine anger: neither chasten me in Thy heavy displeasure.

For Thine arrows stick fast in me: and Thy hand presseth me sore.

There is no health in my flesh, because of Thy displeasure: neither is there any rest in my bones, by reason of my sin.

For my wickednesses are gone over my head: and are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear.

My wounds stink, and are corrupt: through my foolishness.

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I am brought into so great trouble and misery : that I go mourning all the day long.

For my loins are filled with a sore disease : and there is no whole part in my body.

I am feeble, and sore smitten : I have roared for the very disquietness of my heart.

LORD, Thou knowest all my desire : and my groaning is not hid from Thee.

My heart panteth, my strength hath failed me : and the sight of mine eyes is gone from me.

My lovers and my neighbours did stand looking upon my trouble : and my kinsmen stood afar off.

They also that sought after my life laid snares for me : and they that went about to do me evil talked of wickedness, and imagined deceit all the day long.

As for me, I was like a deaf man, and heard not : and as one that is dumb, who doth not open his mouth.

I became even as a man that heareth not : and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

For in Thee, O LORD, have I put my trust : Thou shalt answer for me, O LORD my GOD.

I have required that they, even mine enemies, should not triumph over me : for when my foot slipped, they rejoiced greatly against me.

And I, truly, am set in the plague : and my heaviness is ever in my sight.

For I will confess my wickedness : and be sorry for my sin.

But mine enemies live, and are mighty : and they that hate me wrongfully are many in number.

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They also that reward evil for good are against me : because I follow the thing that good is.

Forsake me not, O LORD my GOD : be not Thou far from me.

Haste Thee to help me : O LORD GOD of my salvation.

Glory be to the FATHER.

Antiphon. I will confess my wickedness, and be sorry for my sin.

Saturday

and for the Dead

Antiphon. Out of the deep have I called unto Thee.

Psalm 130. *De profundis.*

OUT of the deep have I called unto Thee, O LORD : LORD, hear my voice.

O let Thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

If Thou, LORD, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O LORD, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with Thee : therefore shalt Thou be feared.

I look for the LORD; my soul doth wait for Him : in His word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the LORD : before the morning watch : I say, before the morning watch.

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O Israel, trust in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy : and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

Glory be to the FATHER.

Antiphon. Out of the deep have I called unto Thee, O LORD : LORD, hear my voice.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
CHRIST, have mercy upon us.
LORD, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER.
V. And lead us not into temptation :
R. But deliver us from evil. Amen.

I SAID, LORD, be merciful unto me;
R. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

V. Turn Thee again, O LORD, at the last;
R. And be gracious unto Thy servant.

V. Let Thy merciful kindness, O LORD, be upon me;
R. Like as I do put my trust in Thee.

V. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness.
R. And let Thy saints sing with joyfulness.

V. Cleanse Thou me from my secret faults.
R. Keep Thy servant also from presumptuous sins.

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V. LORD, hear my prayer;
R. And let my crying come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

JOY with peace, amendment of life, space for true repentance, the grace and consolation of Thy HOLY SPIRIT, perseverance in good works, a contrite and humbled heart, and a happy consummation of my life, grant me, O Almighty and Merciful LORD; for Thy mercy's sake.

Sunday

THE Cup of Blessing which we bless, is it not the Communion of the BLOOD of CHRIST?
R. The Bread which we break, is it not the Communion of the BODY of CHRIST?

MOST Merciful GOD, incline Thy pitiful ears to our prayers, and enlighten our hearts by the grace of the HOLY SPIRIT, that we may worthily approach Thy holy Mysteries, and love Thee with an everlasting love.

O GREAT High Priest, the true Priest, JESUS CHRIST, Who didst offer Thyself to GOD the FATHER a pure and spotless Victim upon the Altar of the Cross, for us miserable sinners; and didst give us Thy FLESH to eat, and Thy BLOOD to drink; and didst ordain that holy Mystery in the power of the HOLY GHOST, saying, As often as ye shall do

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this, do it in remembrance of Me: I pray Thee by the same Thy BLOOD, the great price of our salvation: I pray Thee by that wonderful and unspeakable love, wherewith Thou vouchsafest so to love us, miserable and unworthy, as to wash us from our sins in Thy BLOOD; teach me, Thy unworthy servant, by Thy HOLY SPIRIT, to approach so great a Mystery with such reverence and honour, with such devotion and fear as I ought, and is fitting. Make me, through Thy grace, always so to believe and understand, to conceive and firmly to hold, to think and to speak of that exceeding Mystery as shall please Thee, and be for the good of my soul. Let Thy Good SPIRIT enter into my heart, and there be heard without utterance, and without the sound of words speak all truth; since Thy Mysteries are exceeding deep and covered with a sacred veil. For Thy great mercy's sake, grant me to approach Thy holy Mysteries with a clean heart and a pure mind. Free my heart from all defiling and unholy, from all vain and hurtful thoughts, [especially . . . .]. Defend me with the loving and faithful guardianship and mighty protection of Thy blessed Angels, that the enemies of all good may go away ashamed. By the virtue of this mighty Mystery, and by the hand of Thy holy Angel drive from me, and from all Thy faithful servants, the hard spirit of pride and vain-glory, of envy and blasphemy, of impurity and uncleanness, of doubting and unbelief. Let them be confounded that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to rebuke that wish me evil.

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Monday

I AM the living Bread, Which came down from Heaven;

R. If any man eat of this Bread he shall live for ever.

ALMIGHTY God, unto Whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name.

O GREAT High Priest, the true Priest, Jesus Christ, the King of Virgins, and Lover of Chastity, extinguish in me, by the heavenly dew of Thy blessing, whatever may kindle evil desire; that so, one even course of purity of mind and body may abide in me. Mortify in my members the lusts of the flesh and every hurtful emotion, [especially . . . .]; and grant me, with Thy other gifts which are well pleasing unto Thee, true and persevering chastity; that with chaste body and pure heart I may join in offering before Thee this Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving. For with what contrition of heart and fountain of tears, with what reverence and awe, with what chastity of body and purity of soul should that divine and heavenly Sacrifice be celebrated, wherein Thy Flesh is Meat indeed, and Thy Blood is Drink indeed; wherein things

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lowest and highest, earthly and divine, are united; where is the presence of Thy holy Angels; and where in a wonderful and unspeakable way Thou art both Sacrifice and Priest.

Tuesday

WHAT reward shall I give unto the LORD, for all the benefits that He hath done unto me? *R.* I will receive the Cup of Salvation, and will call upon the Name of the LORD.

PURIFY, O LORD, with the fire of Thy HOLY SPIRIT, our hearts and reins; that we may serve Thee with a pure body, and please Thee with a clean heart.

O GREAT High Priest, the true Priest, JESUS CHRIST, who can worthily draw nigh unto this holy Sacrament unless Thou, O LORD GOD Almighty, makest him worthy? I know, O LORD, yea, surely do I know, and this do I confess to Thy loving mercy, that I am not worthy to draw near to so high a Mystery, by reason of my many sins, [especially . . . .], and my numberless negligences and omissions. But I know, and truly do I believe with my whole heart, and confess with my lips, that Thou canst make me worthy, Who alone canst make that clean which cometh out of an unclean, and sinners to be righteous and holy. By this Thine almighty power, I pray Thee, O my GOD,

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that Thou wouldst grant to me, a sinner, to approach this holy Sacrifice with fear and trembling, with purity of heart and earnestness of desire, with spiritual gladness and heavenly joy. May my mind feel the sweetness of Thy most blessed presence, and the love of Thy holy Angels keeping watch round about me.

Wednesday

IN every place Incense shall be offered unto My Name, and a pure Offering:

R. Corn shall make the young men cheerful, and Wine the heart of maids.

LET the COMFORTER, Which proceedeth from Thee, O LORD, enlighten our minds, and lead us as Thou hast promised into all truth.

O GREAT High Priest, the true Priest, JESUS CHRIST, mindful of Thy venerable Passion, I draw near to Thine Altar, although a sinner, to join in offering unto Thee that Sacrifice which Thou hast instituted and commanded to be offered in remembrance of Thee for our salvation. May it be accepted, I humbly beseech Thee, O GOD most High, for Thy holy Church, and for Thy people, [especially . . . .], whom Thou hast purchased with Thine own BLOOD. Let not, through my unworthiness, the price of their salvation be wasted for whom Thou hast vouchsafed to be a saving

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Victim and Redemption. I bring before Thee, O LORD, if Thou wilt graciously vouchsafe to behold, the tribulations of Thy people; and the perils of Thy servants; the sorrowful sighing of prisoners; the miseries of orphans; the necessities of strangers; the helplessness of the weak; the hopelessness of the weary; the weakness of the aged; the sighings of the young; the vows of virgins; and the lamentations of widows.

Thursday

THOU shalt prepare a Table before me against them that trouble me;

R. Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my Cup shall be full.

WE beseech Thee, O LORD, that the power of Thy HOLY SPIRIT may be with us, mercifully to cleanse our hearts, and to defend us from all adversities.

O GREAT High Priest, the true Priest, JESUS CHRIST, Who hast compassion upon all men and hatest nothing that Thou hast made; remember whereof I am made, for Thou art my FATHER and my GOD; and be not angry very sore, nor shut up Thy tender mercies in displeasure. Not in my own righteousness do I present my prayers before Thy face, but trusting in Thy manifold and great mercies. Take away from me all my iniquities,

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[especially . . . . .], and mercifully kindle within me the fire of Thy HOLY SPIRIT. Take away my heart of stone; and give me an heart of flesh, an heart to love Thee, an heart to choose Thee alone, an heart to delight in Thee, to follow Thee, and enjoy Thee. Of Thy mercy, I pray Thee, O LORD, favourably to regard this Thy family, Thy priests who offer, and Thy people who assist at this holy Sacrifice, and offer their bounden duty and service to Thy glorious Name; and that the desire of none may be in vain, nor the petitions of any unfruitful, do Thou teach us the prayers which Thou wilt be pleased graciously to hear and to answer.

Friday

EXCEPT ye eat of the FLESH of the SON of Man and drink His BLOOD, ye have no Life in you;

R. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that Bread and drink of that Cup.

O GOD, Who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people by sending to them the light of Thy HOLY SPIRIT; grant us by the same SPIRIT to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy Comfort.

O GREAT High Priest, the true Priest, JESUS CHRIST, I pray Thee, for the souls of the faithful departed, [especially . . . .], that this great Sacrament of Thy Love may be unto them health

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and salvation, joy and refreshment. O LORD my GOD, grant unto them, this day, a great and abundant feast of Thee, the living Bread, Who camest down from Heaven, and givest life unto the world; even of Thy holy and blessed FLESH, the LAMB without spot, Who takest away the sins of the world; of that FLESH which was taken of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and conceived by the HOLY GHOST; of that fountain of mercy which by the soldier's lance, flowed from Thy most sacred side; that they may be thereby restored and satisfied, refreshed and comforted, and may rejoice in Thy praise and in Thy glory. I pray Thy mercy also, O LORD, that, on the Bread to be offered unto Thee may descend the fulness of Thy Blessing, and the sanctification of Thy Divinity. May there descend, also, the invisible and incomprehensible Majesty of Thy HOLY SPIRIT, as it descended of old on the sacrifices of the fathers, which may make our Oblations Thy BODY and BLOOD. And do Thou, LORD JESUS, teach me, unworthy, so to approach this great Mystery with purity of heart and devotion of soul, with reverence and awe, that Thou mayest graciously and favourably accept the holy Sacrifice for the salvation of all, both the living and the dead.

Saturday

LORD, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest enter under my roof;

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R. But speak the word only, and Thy servant shall be healed.

VISIT, we beseech Thee, O LORD, and cleanse our consciences; that Thy SON, our LORD JESUS CHRIST, when He cometh, may find in us a mansion prepared for Himself.

O GREAT High Priest, the true Priest, JESUS CHRIST, I pray Thee, by the all-holy Mystery of Thy BODY and BLOOD, whereby in Thy Church we are daily fed and given to drink, washed and sanctified, and made partakers of Thy divine Nature; grant me to be filled with all Thy holy graces, [especially . . . . .], that I may draw near unto Thy Altar with a clear conscience, so that these holy Mysteries may be to me salvation and life; for Thou hast said with Thy holy and blessed mouth: The Bread that I will give is My FLESH, which I will give for the life of the world. I am the living Bread which came down from Heaven. If any man eat of this Bread, he shall live for ever. O most sweet Bread, heal the palate of my heart, that I may taste the sweetness of Thy love; heal it of all weakness, that I may find sweetness in nothing out of Thee. O most pure Bread, Who hast in Thyself all delight and all sweetness, Who ever refreshest me, and never failest in Thyself; let my heart feed on Thee, and may my inmost soul be filled with the sweetness of Thy savour. The Angel feeds on Thee with satiety; let the way-faring man feed on Thee after his measure, that he may never

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fail on the way, being refreshed with such sustenance for his journey. O holy Bread, O living Bread, O pure Bread, Who camest down from Heaven, and givest life unto the world, come into my heart, and cleanse me from all defilement of flesh and spirit. Enter Thou into my soul; heal and cleanse me within and without. Be Thou the protection and continual defence of my soul and body. Drive from me those who lay wait for me, and let my enemies depart far from the presence of Thy power; so that guarded both within and without by Thee, I may by a strait way arrive at Thy heavenly Kingdom, where not as now in Mysteries, but face to face I shall behold Thee; when Thou shalt have delivered up the kingdom to God even the Father, and shalt be God all in all. Then shalt Thou satisfy me with Thyself by a marvellous fulness, so that I shall neither hunger nor thirst any more; Who livest and reignest with the same God, the Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end.

Daily

O GRACIOUS Lord Jesu Christ, I, Thy sinful servant, nothing presuming on my deserts, but trusting on Thy mercy and goodness, with fear and trembling approach to the Table of Thy most sweet Feast; for my heart and my body are stained with many and grievous sins; my thoughts and my lips have not been faithfully guarded. So then, O Gracious God, O terrible

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Majesty, I, miserable that I am, being in a great strait, return to Thee, the Fountain of mercy; to Thee I hasten to be healed; under Thy protection I flee; and I long to have Thee for my SAVIOUR, before Whom I cannot stand as my Judge. To Thee, O LORD, I show my wounds; to Thee I lay bare my shame. I know my sins, many and great, for which I am afraid. I trust in Thy mercies which are countless. Look therefore upon me with the eyes of Thy mercy, O LORD JESU CHRIST, eternal King, GOD and Man, crucified for man. Hearken unto me whose trust is in Thee; have pity upon me who am full of misery and sin, Thou Fountain of mercy That wilt never cease to flow. Blessed be Thou, life-giving Victim, Who, for me and the whole human race, wert offered on the Altar of the Cross. Blessed be thou, holy and precious BLOOD, which didst flow from the wounds of my Crucified LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, and didst wash away the sins of the whole world. Remember, O LORD, Thy creature, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thine own BLOOD. I repent me that I have sinned; I long to amend what I have done. Take from me then, most Merciful FATHER, all my iniquities and sins; that purified both in soul and body, I may be made meet worthily to taste the Holy of Holies. And grant that this sacred foretaste of Thy BODY and BLOOD which I, unworthy, purpose to take, may be the remission of my sins; the perfect cleansing of my offences; the driving away of evil thoughts; the renewal of good desires; the faithful performance of works

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well-pleasing unto Thee; the most firm protection of soul and body against the wiles of my enemies.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting GOD, lo, I draw near to the Sacrament of Thy Only-begotten SON, our LORD JESUS CHRIST; I approach as one sick, to the Physician of life; unclean, to the Fountain of mercy; blind, to the Light of eternal brightness; poor and needy, to the Lord of heaven and earth; naked, to the King of glory; a lost sheep, to the good Shepherd; a creature, to its Creator; desolate, to the Comforter; miserable, to the Pitier; guilty, to the Bestower of pardon; sinful, to the Justifier; hardened, to the Infuser of grace. I pray Thee, therefore, of the abundance of Thine exceeding bounty, that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to heal my sickness, to wash my defilements, to enlighten my blindness, to enrich my poverty, to clothe my nakedness; to restore the wandering, to console the forsaken, to reconcile the guilty; to grant pardon to the sinner, forgiveness to the wretched, life to the criminal, and righteousness to the dead; that I may receive the Bread of Angels, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, with such chastity of body and purity of soul, with such contrition of heart and fountain of tears, with such spiritual gladness and heavenly joy, such fear and awe, such reverence and honour, such faith and humility and love, such devotion and thankfulness, and with such purpose and intention as becometh me, and is expedient for the health of my soul; so that it may profit me

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unto eternal life, and be unto me the remission of all my sins. Grant, I beseech Thee, that I may receive, not only the Sacrament of the BODY and BLOOD of the LORD, but the Substance also, and Virtue of the Sacrament. O most Gracious GOD, grant me so to receive the BODY of Thy Only-begotten SON, our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Which He took of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that I may be worthy to be incorporated into His mystical Body, and accounted amongst His Members. O most Loving FATHER, grant unto me that Whom I now purpose to receive veiled in this my pilgrimage, I may at length with unveiled face contemplate for ever; even Thy Well-beloved SON, Who with Thee liveth and reigneth, in the Unity of the HOLY GHOST, One GOD, throughout all ages, world without end.

THE Grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. Amen.

Hymns

Pange lingua gloriosi.

NOW my tongue the Mystery telling,
Of the glorious BODY sing,
And the BLOOD all price excelling,
Which the Gentiles' LORD and King,
In a Virgin's womb once dwelling,
Shed for this world's ransoming.

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Given for us, and condescending
  To be born for us below,
He with men in converse blending
  Dwelt the seed of truth to sow,
Till He closed with wondrous ending
  His most patient life of woe.

That last night at supper lying,
  'Mid the Twelve, His chosen band,
JESUS, with the law complying,
  Keeps the feast its rites demand;
Then, more precious Food supplying,
  Gives Himself with His own hand.

WORD-made-FLESH true Bread He maketh
  By His word His FLESH to be;
Wine, His BLOOD, which whoso taketh
  Must from carnal thoughts be free;
Faith alone, though sight forsaketh.
  Shows true hearts the Mystery.

Ave! Caro Christi Regis.

HAIL! FLESH of CHRIST the Regal,
  Hail! Food that feeds the flock,
The new law's heavenly Manna,
  The spiritual Rock;
Can the blind world reject Thee?
  O, Thou art All to us,
Adorable for ever,
  And wholly Marvellous.

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With adoration hourly,
  With voices heavenly sweet,
The faithful give Thee glory
  As it is right and meet;
And Thou wilt deign accept them;
  But would they feed on Thee
They must be pure and stainless,
  For Thou art Purity.

The Bride gives Thee her worship,
  Who art the Bread of life,
Thou Guide unto the pilgrim,
  Thou Peace where guilt is rife.
Salvation's Bread, O fill us
  With Thy unclouded joy,
Sweet Food of satisfaction,
  Pure Drink which cannot cloy.

O, be Thou near to guard us,
  The fallen one's Stay Thou art,
Balm to the weary mourner,
  Joy to the weary heart;
Thou didst go first to light us,
  Thou hast the path full trod;
Guide through this world of grieving
  Into the joy of God.

Viva! Viva! Gesu, che per mio bene.

HAIL! Jesus, hail! Who for my sake,
  Sweet Blood from Mary's veins didst take,
  And shed it all for me;

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Oh, blessed be my SAVIOUR'S BLOOD,
My life, my light, my only good,
To all eternity!

To endless ages let us praise
The precious BLOOD whose price could raise
The world from wrath and sin;
Whose streams our inward thirst appease,
And heal the sinner's worst disease,
If he but bathe therein.

O sweetest BLOOD, that can implore,
Pardon of GOD, and heaven restore,
The heaven which sin had lost;
While Abel's blood for vengeance pleads,
What JESUS sheds still intercedes
For those who wrong Him most.

Oh, to be sprinkled from the wells
Of CHRIST'S Own sacred BLOOD excels
Earth's best and highest bliss;
The ministers of wrath divine
Hurt not the happy hearts that shine
With those red drops of His.

Ah, there is joy amid the Saints,
And hell's despairing courage faints
When this sweet song we raise;
Oh, louder then, and louder still,
Earth with one mighty chorus fill,
The precious BLOOD to praise!

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Lord, to Thine Altar let me go.

LORD, to Thine Altar let me go,
The child of weariness and woe,
My home to find;
From sin and sense and self set free,
Absorbed alone in love to Thee,
Able to leave in liberty
This world behind.

JESUS, be Thou my heavenly Food,
Sweet Source divine of every good,
Centre of rest;
One with Thy heart let me be found,
Prostrate upon that holy ground
Where grace and peace and life abound,
Drawn from Thy breast.

There let me lean and live and lie,
As fast the fleeting moments fly,
Sands in a glass,
Which time may shake with restless hand,
Yet only at Thine own command,
Till to a dearer, happier land
My soul shall pass.

Then, then unveiled wilt Thou appear
To those, who walking with Thee here,
These wilds have trod;
In faith that with the Cherubim,
The Saints, and hosts of Seraphim,
They too may join the eternal hymn
To Thee, O GOD.

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It is a day of fear.

IT is a day of fear:
Rise up betimes, go forth alone
With tongue fast sealed and heart bowed down,
Because thy LORD is near.

Leave not thy thoughts to roam
Hither and thither, where they would;
Lest fretful cares on thee should crowd,
Forgetful of thy home.

Let not thine eye go free;
Look on the earth beneath thy feet,
The pit that for thy sins was meet,
Had GOD been just with thee.

Bethink thee of thy sin;
A stifling cloud, a festering sore,
A rotting canker at the core,
That gnaws thy heart within.

Good art thou to the sight;
But would thy cheeks be dry as now,
As gay thy smile, as bright thy brow,
If all were brought to light?

Yet, not in gloomy sadness
Be thy heart bowed and eye down cast;
Is not the night of sorrow past?
Is't not a morn of gladness?

Think on the Holy Feast,
On His dear love and gracious Name
Who sanctifies Himself, the same
Both Sacrifice and Priest.

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Go, and be One with Him;
Dwell thou in Him, and He in thee,
Him freely love Who sets thee free,
Though but in shadow dim.

For, it shall not be so
In that great day, when faithful souls,
Whom flesh doth sway and sin controls,
As they are known shall know:

To be for ever one
With Him, Whom with the FATHER High
And SPIRIT, Angels tremblingly
Adore as GOD alone.

Bless, LORD, Thy child, Oh, bless;
Strengthen my weakness; soothe my grief;
Forgive and help mine unbelief;
Restore my faithlessness.

To GOD, Whom all adore,
The FATHER, SON, and COMFORTER,
Who is before all creatures were,
Be glory evermore.

Eja! dulcis Anima.

HASTE! my Soul, thou sister sweet,
Who all my being sharest,
For thy Spouse a chamber meet
Now see that thou preparest;

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For a kind and gentle Guest
  To visit thee intendeth;
All that heaven hath fair and best
  To greet thee condescendeth.

He Whose Presence e'er imparts
  A joy which passeth measure,
He Whose friendship on all hearts
  Bestoweth boundless pleasure,
Would possess this breast of thine,
  With thee His sojourn making,
With thee at thy board recline,
  With thee His supper taking.

Arise and run to meet thy LORD,
  E'en now His steps are near thee;
Thine heart a hallowed shrine afford
  For Him to dwell and cheer thee;
Oh, hold Him fast in thine embrace!
  Let Him go from thee never,
Till with the fulness of His grace
  He bless thee, here and ever!

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Devotions in Preparation

ACTS OF DEVOTION, PRAYERS, &c.

IN the Name ✠ of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST. Amen.

Direction of the Intention.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, I, Thy unworthy servant, presume to appear before Thee this day, to offer unto Thee by the hands of our great High Priest, Thy SON JESUS CHRIST, the Sacrifice of His most precious BODY and BLOOD. I offer it, O my GOD, in union with the Sacrifice of the Cross, and with the same intention wherewith He offered it. I offer it to the honour and glory of Thy divine Majesty, in remembrance of the sacred Life and Passion of Thy Only-begotten SON, by the sanctification of the HOLY GHOST, the COMFORTER. I offer it in thanksgiving for the blessings bestowed on Thy whole Church, and for those vouchsafed to me, though most unworthy, [especially . . . .]; for the pardon, absolution, and remission of all my sins, [especially . . . .], and of those for whom I am bound to pray; for my own salvation, for the salvation of the living, [especially . . . .], and for the repose of the faithful departed, [especially

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. . . .]; and lastly, O LORD GOD, I offer it for obtaining all those gifts and graces, [especially . . . .], which Thou knowest to be needful for myself, and others for whom I desire to pray. And this, my intention, I humbly offer in the Name of the same Thy SON, JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

Act of Contrition.

O MY Creator and most loving SAVIOUR, in union with the Sacrifice of Thy BODY and BLOOD, I humbly offer unto Thee the sacrifice of a troubled spirit; for a broken and a contrite heart, O GOD, Thou wilt not despise. I grieve from my inmost heart that by my many sins I should have offended against Thee, Whom I ought to love above all things; for Thou art good to all, and hast bestowed very many blessings upon me, whilst I, alas, have often returned Thee only evil for Thy good. Oh, that I had never offended Thee. But I acknowledge my transgression, and my sin is ever before me, which by thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault, I have committed against Thee, [especially . . . .]. But be Thou merciful unto my sins, O LORD; for, Thy HOLY SPIRIT assisting me, I firmly purpose and resolve no more to offend Thee, and to shun all occasions of sin; and therefore now do I desire to receive this Holy Sacrament, that I may be strengthened in the love of Thee, and may be defended in all temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

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Resolution of Amendment.

WHEREFORE, O LORD, earnestly longing for the help of Thy grace, I desire to renew all my vows to Thee, to renounce all that displeaseth Thee, and to walk more perfectly in newness of life. I renounce the devil and all his works, and the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires, all excesses in things lawful, and whatsoever may lead my heart from Thee, or hinder my duty towards Thee, [especially . . . .]. I also renounce all the sinful lusts of the flesh, with every thing in thought, word, or deed which displeases Thee, [especially . . . .]; from all which may it be Thy good pleasure to deliver me. And do Thou, O LORD, be pleased so to turn the whole stream of my affections to the love of Thee, that Thy will and Thy love may be the sole rule and guide of my life; and that I may only love what Thou lovest, and only hate what Thou hatest. And, O my GOD, I humbly and earnestly pray unto Thee to give me a continual supply of Thy grace, that my heart being emptied of all that is not of Thee, may long for Thy love, and that Thou mayest enter in and possess it with Thy gracious presence, and fulfil it for evermore.

Act of Faith.

MY LORD and my GOD, I firmly believe, and with lively faith confess, that Thou Thyself, Very GOD and very Man, art verily and indeed, truly, really and substantially present in this most

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Holy Sacrament, for Thou hast said, This is My BODY; This is My BLOOD. I believe without doubt that, under the Form of Bread and Wine, I shall receive Thee my SAVIOUR in all the fulness of Thy BODY, Thy BLOOD, Thy SOUL, and Thy DIVINITY, Who for my sake tookest upon Thyself human nature, and for my salvation offeredst Thyself upon the Altar of the Cross. I heartily believe this undoubted and most awful truth; for this faith I am willing, please GOD, to lay down my life; herein, through Thy Good SPIRIT, I desire to live, and, in Thy strength, I hope to die. Do Thou, LORD JESUS, increase in me this faith, and enable me to approach Thy holy Altar with devotion acceptable unto Thee. LORD, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief.

Act of Hope.

IN Thee alone do I put my trust, O LORD JESU CHRIST, for Thou art my Salvation and my Strength, Thou art my Redeemer and my Mediator, Thou art my Refuge and my sure Confidence. Why art thou, then, so vexed, O my soul, and why art thou so disquieted within me? Oh, hope thou in GOD, Who is thy only Hope, and Fountain of all goodness, and the Author of all grace, Whom thou hast present in this Holy Sacrament. Draw nigh unto Him with full trust and firm hope, for He is good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon Him. He alone can give thee all things, for He is LORD over all; yea, He alone

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willeth to give thee all things, for He alone is supremely good. Therefore with boldness come I unto Thy Altar, O my God, where I hope to receive Thyself. My soul hath longed for Thy salvation, and I have a good hope because of Thy word. In Thee, O Lord, do I trust; Oh, let me not be disappointed of my hope.

Act of the Love of God.

HOW wonderful, O my God, is Thy love towards me, Thy unworthy creature! It was not enough for Thee, Lord Jesus, to die for me in agony upon the Cross; but Thou hast willed to institute this most Holy Sacrament, to enrich me with the greatest of all Thy gifts, to feed me with Thyself, and to unite Thyself to me, that Thou mayest become one with me. Thou dost lovingly invite me to receive Thee; and with desire hast Thou desired that I should be made one with Thee. O Love, incomprehensible and divine, that God should give Himself wholly unto His creature. What, then, shall I render unto the Lord for all the love that He hath bestowed upon me? O God of Love, worthy of all love, I will love Thee above all things. I will love Thee with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soul, and with all my strength; and Thy grace assisting me, I will love Thee above all created things: and Thee alone, O Lord Jesu Christ, do I desire to love with all the affections of my heart. Thou art about to give Thyself wholly unto me: I desire to give myself wholly unto Thee.

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Suffer me thus to love Thee: for whom have I in heaven but Thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of Thee.

Act of the Love of our Neighbour.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us that, GOD is Love; and he that dwelleth in Love, dwelleth in GOD and GOD in him; I believe on Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee, and for Thy sake I love my neighbour as myself: for by this shall all men know that we are Thy disciples indeed, if we have love one to another. This, Thou saidst, is a commandment like unto the greatest: for he that loveth his neighbour hath truly fulfilled the law; and he that loveth him not, abideth in death. If then we ought, above all things constantly to have mutual charity amongst ourselves, I desire from henceforth, even for ever, to cherish this virtue heartily and above all things, and to be Thy disciple in deed and in truth; to judge no one by thought or word; to grieve no one by word or deed; to injure no one, to envy no one, to despise no one: but rather, to love all men in Thee; to honour all men, to rejoice with all men, and to prefer all others to myself; to comfort and succour all men; and to do unto all men, both to the highest and the lowliest, as I would they should do unto me, and as I would do unto Thee, LORD JESUS. And since, O most Merciful LORD, Thou hast commanded us to love one another as Thou hast loved us; therefore, O my GOD, I desire to

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love all men [especially . . . .] as Thou hast loved me; to pray for them, for the forgiveness of their sins, for their happiness in this world, and for their salvation in the world to come; and if they have offended me, or are about to do me wrong, to forgive them their trespasses as I hope for forgiveness at Thy hands, O LORD, Who alone art my Hope, my Refuge, and my strong Salvation.

Act of Humility.

MY Soul, thou art about to eat the sacred FLESH of JESUS CHRIST, and to drink His precious BLOOD at the Altar of the LORD. Art thou worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under His Table? Hast thou well considered what thou art, and Who GOD is? Thou, O GOD, art the King of heaven and earth, Whom Angels praise, Dominions adore, and Powers dread. But what is man that Thou art mindful of him, giving him a memorial of Thy marvellous works; or the son of man that Thou visitest him, coming unto him in this most Blessed Sacrament. How, then, can I venture to approach unto Thee, LORD JESUS, since by my many and great sins I might well say unto Thee, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O LORD? But, remember, O my soul, that the time is at hand when thou art to receive the King of Glory. Remember, that if thou hadst the love of the Seraphim, the purity of Angels, the sanctity of the Saints, thou wouldest not be worthy, even once, to receive thy GOD. Art thou then worthy to receive Him into

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thy very self, yea, again and again, wretched and miserable as thou art, and spiritually poor and blind and naked? Oh, consider this, and humble thyself under the mighty hand of God.

Act of Patience.

I HEAR Thy words of counsel, O most Patient Lord, and I see Thee as it were most truly present with me, as a Man of Sorrows, and acquainted with grief. I hear Thee saying, both by precept and example, that in patience I must possess my soul; and that he that would come after Thee must take up his cross daily, and follow Thee. I desire, therefore, O my God, to take up my cross, and to follow Thee; for I learn that Thou wilt not suffer me to be tempted above that I am able, but will, with the temptation also, make a way for me to escape from the wicked one. I know that good and evil, poverty and wealth, health and sickness, fair fame and reproach are all from Thy fatherly hand; and that Thou dost not willingly, and for their hurt, afflict the children of men. And if we have received good at Thy hand, wherefore should we not endure evil? I will therefore bear Thine anger, O Lord, for I have sinned against Thee. I will count it all joy, as Thy Apostle exhorteth, when I fall into divers temptations; and I will think upon Thee, O most loving Jesus, Who for me didst endure such contradiction against Thyself, aye, and dost endure in this Holy Communion, that my patience in all my trials, [especially

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. . . .], being more precious than gold, may be found to the praise and glory of Thy Name, Who hast suffered so many and such great things for me, that Thou mightest enter into Thy glory.

Act of Desire.

LIKE as the hart desireth the water brooks, so longeth my soul after Thee, O God: my soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the Living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? O my soul, the blessed moment, in which thy Lord will take up His abode within thee, is at hand. Behold, the King of Heaven, the Lord of Hosts, the Anointed of God, the Saviour, is about to come unto thee. Prepare thyself to receive Him worthily, with love. Thou hast made ready the upper chamber of thy heart to welcome so divine a Guest. Call upon Him, then, to come unto thee, with the voice of thy holy desires. Come, Lord Jesus, come unto Thy unworthy servant, and make Thy abode with him. Come, O divine Keeper of my soul, and take possession of my heart, which was created for Thee. Come, O Food of Angels, and nourish my soul. Come, O Fire of love, and enkindle my affections. Come, heavenly Physician, and heal me. Come, Thou sole Object of my desires, Thou first Beginning and last End of my existence, and rule Thou my heart with an absolute dominion. Come, and dwell within it, and nourish it with divine love, and sow within it the good seed of all virtues, which may bring forth fruit unto

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eternal life. Come, lastly, and nail it to Thy Cross, with the nails which nailed Thy hands and feet; pierce it with the spear that pierced Thy sacred side; and with the thorny crown wherewith Thou wast crowned, do Thou, LORD JESUS, surround my heart on every side, and keep it safe from all the assaults of its enemies.

Act of Gratitude.

THE time is come, O my soul, when all thy troubles are to find an end at the foot of the Altar, where thy SAVIOUR is present. Obedient to the teaching of faith, and recognizing thy GOD beneath the sacred Eucharistic Veils which hide Him from thy sight, thou art about to taste in the heavenly Manna, the most blessed of all enjoyments here below. Not long since, He was thy merciful Judge. He heard thy humble confession; He saw thy tears; and He forgave thee thy misdeeds. He is now thy FATHER. Time was when thou didst reject His benefits, and livedst in misery and sin. Oh, make haste then, in humble gratitude to prostrate thyself before the GOD of Mercy. In His presence thou wilt regain thy lost happiness. Draw nigh to Him; and if He permits thee to feel pain in the recollection of thy past life, His love shall sweeten to thee its bitterness. Draw nigh to Him and offer Him the sacrifice of a grateful heart; for He is about to add this to all former blessings, He is Himself about to become thy Food and Nourishment. O my LORD and my GOD, Thy mer-

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ciful invitations overwhelm me. O miserable heart, so long fed on vanity, come and drink at the Fountain of Truth and Life. Oh, for strength to support such happiness. Oh, for power to be truly grateful for such blessings. Sink down, my soul, into the abyss of thy own nothingness before the Altar of thy God. From yonder throne of His mercy, He calls thee to Himself. He demands thee back as a treasure lost too long. Hearest thou the voice of thy God and Saviour? My son, give Me thy heart; give Me that heart which has found in the world only fleeting joys and lengthened miseries. Yea, Lord Jesu, I give it Thee; I give it to Thee gratefully.

Act of Adoration.

PROSTRATE at the foot of Thy Altar, I adore Thee, O Almighty and most Merciful God; and firmly do I believe that this holy Sacrifice, which I join in offering to Thy divine Majesty, is one with the Sacrifice of the Cross, and that the Blessed Sacrament which I am about to receive is the very Body and Blood of Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Grant, I beseech Thee, that I may both worship and receive Him worthily, in this awful Mystery; that the holy Sacrament may be unto me eternal life; and also, that by the merits of the divine Victim offered unto Thee, I may be made a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto Thee, Who livest and reignest with the same, Thy Son, and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end.

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Act of Oblation.

IN remembrance, O LORD JESUS CHRIST, SON of the Living GOD, and to the praise of Thy boundless Love with which Thou didst give Thyself wholly to us upon the Altar of the Cross, behold, I this day join in offering unto Thee this present Sacrifice of the Altar, together with all those which are offered unto Thee throughout the world by the hands of Thy Priests, to be presented to Thy Eternal FATHER, in union with and in virtue of that one Oblation in which Thou Thyself, dying on the Cross, didst once offer Thy sacred BODY and BLOOD, for the salvation of the world. Grant that the Oblation of the same Thy BODY and BLOOD, Which is here renewed in mystery, and is made under the Form of Bread and Wine, may effectually obtain its proper fruit: and that thereby the living may obtain grace; the faithful departed, rest; and those for whom the Sacrifice is offered, mercy and eternal life.

Act of Thanksgiving.

O ETERNAL FATHER, Who wast pleased to institute this most holy Sacrifice of the New Law, wherein Thy Only-begotten SON might be offered unto Thee for the sins of the whole world, I join in offering the same to Thy divine Majesty; and in union therewith, I offer myself unto Thee, and all that of Thy bounty Thou hast bestowed upon me. Accept therefore, O LORD GOD, this all-

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holy Sacrifice, which contains in itself the fruit of the precious Death and Passion of Thy Well-beloved SON, as an act of thanksgiving for the benefits and blessings which Thou hast bestowed upon me, and as a propitiation and satisfaction for the sins I have committed, the good I have left undone, and the punishment I have deserved: Who livest and reignest with the same Thy SON, in the Unity of the HOLY SPIRIT, One GOD, world without end.

Commemoration of the Passion.

FATHER of Mercies, and GOD of all Consolation, Who so lovedst the world that Thou sparedst not Thine Only-begotten SON, but for our salvation gavest Him up to the suffering and death of the most bitter Cross; and moreover willest that His Sacrifice, most pleasing unto Thee, should daily be offered in Thy Church for the renewal of its fruits unto us; grant, I beseech Thee, that I may so worship at this wondrous Mystery of Thy divine Power, Wisdom, and Goodness, with such attention, reverence and devotion, that by the Offering of this unbloody Sacrifice I may effectually be made partaker of that Sacrifice of BLOOD: through the same, our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

LORD JESU, Who for the redemption of the world, didst will to be betrayed by the traitor Judas; to be bound; to be led as a lamb to the slaughter; to be shamefully brought before Annas, Caiaphas, Pilate, and Herod; to be accused by false

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witnesses; to be scourged and mocked; to be spit upon; to be crowned with thorns; to be buffeted and struck with a reed; to be blindfolded; to be stripped of Thy garments, nailed to the Cross, and to be raised from the ground on the tree of shame; to be counted amongst thieves; to have vinegar and gall given Thee to drink; and to be wounded with a lance: do Thou, O LORD, by these Thy most holy sufferings, which I unworthy recount, and by Thy holy Cross, and sacred Death, deliver me from all my sins, and grant me grace, holily and acceptably to approach Thy holy Altar. Send Thy HOLY GHOST, the SPIRIT of Grace and of Mercy, and make me worthy to draw nigh unto the Sacrifice which Thou hast instituted; and grant that the power and operation of the Cleanser of sins, and the Healer of wounds, may take from me all that is displeasing unto Thee, and may pour into my heart the most precious of Thy gifts and graces, by which I may now communicate holily, and hereafter may live according to Thy blessed will.

Prayer for Grace.

O MOST Blessed LORD JESUS, Who makest the poor in spirit to be rich in grace, come Thou unto me, and replenish me with the sevenfold gifts of the HOLY GHOST, the COMFORTER, that my soul faint not for dryness of spirit. O LORD my GOD, do Thou prevent Thy servant with the blessings of Thy sweetness, that I may worthily and devoutly

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draw near unto Thy holy Altar, that I may have grace to honour this mighty Mystery with due faith, reverence, and gratitude; and that I may receive it with a pure intention and faithful perseverance. May I give diligence, also, to adorn the state of life to which Thou hast been pleased to call me, with charity, chastity, humility, gentleness, patience, and temperance, and with such behaviour as becometh a servant of the LORD JESUS; that my service may be pleasing unto Thee, to Thy greater glory, the good of Thy Church, and mine own and my neighbour's salvation. Do Thou, O LORD, stir up my affections and knit my heart unto Thee; guide Thou the faculties of my soul, memory, intellect and will; and whatsoever is wanting unto me, do Thou graciously and bountifully supply; that my faith in Thee may become more strong, that my hope in Thy goodness may be increased, and that love to Thee and to my neighbour, once kindled in my soul, after tasting this heavenly Manna, may never decay.

Oblation to God the Holy Ghost.

O HOLY GHOST, One, Only, and True GOD with the FATHER and the SON, without Thee man is nothing, and without Thy inspiration we are nothing worth; for only when regenerated and born again, by Holy Baptism, of Water and the HOLY GHOST, are we members of CHRIST, and children of His Church, which Church Thou dost ever govern and protect, make fruitful and sanctify,

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by the continual outpouring of Thy grace and goodness. To Thee, therefore, O my God, I offer my heart and my whole self. All that I have, all that I am, all that I do, I humbly devote and consecrate to Thy divine service. Purify, I beseech Thee, by the infusion of Thy seven-fold Gifts, my affections and my senses, that I may ever serve Thee with a chaste body, and please Thee with a pure heart. And because we are able neither to think anything that is good, nor to do anything that is right without Thee, may Thy grace, I pray Thee, prevent and always follow me, and make me ever to be given to all good works. Lastly, O Lord God, because our works of themselves are not able to please Thee, and we, through our manifold sins, are unworthy to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet I beseech Thee to accept them, and especially this most holy Eucharistic Sacrifice, in union with, and through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ; that as, being conceived of the most pure Virgin by Thee, the Power of the Highest overshadowing her, He became our Saviour, so my wants and infirmities may be supplied, my needs and weakness may be assisted by His infinite Grace, Mercy, and Power: through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for Spiritual Communion.

I ACKNOWLEDGE, O Lord Jesu Christ, that Thou art the true Bread, Which camest down from Heaven to feed us with Thy Own-self;

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and that with wonderful sweetness, stupendous power, and marvellous condescension Thou hast concealed Thyself under the Form of Bread and Wine; I know that Thou art pleased earnestly to desire to feed my soul under these visible Forms; and I believe that in Thee, as Thou art present in the Holy Sacrament, are hidden infinite treasures of spiritual gifts, and the most abundant riches of Thy grace: and of these I humbly and heartily desire and long to partake. I believe the word which Thou hast spoken, He that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me: but I do most truly confess, that I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof; [and therefore I do not venture to bring Thee now into the home of my heart, by actual feeding on Thy all-holy BODY and drinking Thy most precious BLOOD;] and I also know and believe, with the faithful Centurion of old, that Thou, even when absent, that is, without Sacramental Communion, canst with one word heal, enrich, and sanctify me. Come, therefore, to me, O LORD, and heal my sin-sick soul; appease its hunger; and strengthen its weakness. O Thou, Who, by the will of the Eternal FATHER, and by the co-operation of the HOLY GHOST, hast by Thy Death given life unto the world, quicken me, feed me, sanctify me by Thy BODY and BLOOD, deliver me from all sin, make me ever to cleave to Thy commandments, and never let me be separated from Thee.

BEHOLD, I, poor and needy, stand at the Table of the great King, and my most loving FA-

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THER, even at Thy Table, O CHRIST JESU my LORD; and I believe Thee, O eternal Truth, that Thou freely vouchsafest to come from the highest Heaven, on the consecration of Thy Priest, to visit me, to feed me, and to abide with me. But since I may not now [and conscious of my weakness and of my sins, I do not dare to] receive Thee Sacramentally, I say with the Centurion, whose servant, with many others, Thou didst heal when absent, LORD, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest enter under my roof; but speak the word only, and Thy servant shall be healed. Come, therefore, I pray Thee, O LORD, unto Thy unworthy servant, and speak unto me that word only. Come unto my sin-sick soul, O heavenly Physician, and cleanse it from all its evils and imperfections [especially . . . .]. Enter, O my GOD, under my roof, and strengthen my weakness; enter into my heart, and appease my hunger; enter into my soul, and adorn it with all virtues and excellence, [especially . . . .]; feed me spiritually with Thy most precious BODY and BLOOD; and grant unto me, that I may be fulfilled with all the treasures of Thy grace and heavenly benediction.

Prayers on behalf of the Celebrant.

O GOD, Mighty in power, Unsearchable in wisdom, and Wonderful in counsel towards the children of men, be pleased to fill with the gift of Thy HOLY SPIRIT him whom Thou hast willed to undertake the Office of the Priesthood, that he may

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be made worthy to stand before Thy holy Altar unblameably, to administer the Word of Thy truth, and to offer unto Thee gifts and spiritual Sacrifices, [especially . . . . .]; that at the second coming of our Great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, Thine Only-begotten Son, he may go forth to meet Him, and by the multitude of Thy mercies receive his reward; for Thine awful and glorious Name, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, is blessed and magnified, now and ever, and to ages of ages.

O GOD our Saviour, Who by Thine own foreknowledge dost shed the abundance of Thy Holy Spirit on those that are set apart by Thine unsearchable might, that they may become the Ministers and Stewards of Thy Mysteries; keep Thy servant, whom Thou hast admitted to the holy Order of the Priesthood, that he may hold the mystery of the faith in all holiness and godliness of life; and, according to Thy good pleasure, enable him to administer the office appointed unto him at the Altar of Thy Church, [especially . . . .]. Fill him, O Lord, by the inspiration of Thy Holy and Life-giving Spirit, with all faith, and love, and power, and sanctification; that he, being freed from all sin, may stand before Thee blamelessly in Thy terrible Judgment-day, and obtain the unfailing reward of Thy promises: for Thou art our God, and to Thee we ascribe glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to ages of ages.

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Prayers for the use of the Priest before Celebrating.

O GOD, most Holy and most Pure, the Fountain of holiness, have mercy upon me, a miserable sinner, and cleanse both my heart and body from all defilement and stain of sin, and make me a worthy Minister at Thy holy Altar. May the Sacrifice, which I most humbly present before Thee, be accepted of Thee for all my sins and offences, [especially . . . . those of which I have been guilty since my last Communion, and which I have confessed unto Thee,] and for my numberless daily transgressions: for all here present, [especially . . . .]: for all connected with me by friendship or affinity, [especially . . . .]: for all whom I have offended or injured, or who are mine enemies, [especially . . . .]: for Thy Church militant here on earth, and all her pressing needs, [especially . . . .]: and lastly, for the whole mystical Body of Thy SON. And may my prayers and offerings be acceptable unto Thee, through Him Who offered Himself a Sacrifice to Thee, O FATHER, even JESUS CHRIST, Thy SON, our LORD.

LORD and Master, Thou that dost visit us with Thy mercy and loving-kindness, Thou that hast freely given unto me, Thy humble and unworthy servant, boldness to stand before Thy Altar, and to offer unto Thee this tremendous and unbloody Sacrifice for my sins, and for the sins of Thy people: look upon me, Thy unprofitable ser-

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vant, and blot out my sins by Thy tender mercy; cleanse my heart and lips from all pollution of the flesh and spirit; keep far from me every unseemly thought and vain imagination; make me meet, by the might of Thy All-holy SPIRIT, to celebrate these divine Mysteries; and receive me, by Thy goodness, approaching unto Thy holy Altar. Vouchsafe, O LORD, that the gifts to be brought unto Thee, and offered by my hands, may be acceptable in Thy sight. Remember not my weakness, nor cast me away from Thy presence, neither abhor my unworthiness; but pity me according to Thy great mercy, and according to the multitude of Thy loving-kindnesses, accept my sorrow for my sins; that I, coming blamelessly into the presence of Thy glory, may be counted worthy of the protection of Thy Only-begotten SON, and of the illumination of the most HOLY SPIRIT, and may not, as the slave of sin, be rejected, but, as Thy servant, may find grace, and mercy, and remission of sins before Thee, in this world and in that which is to come. Yea, all-ruling Master, Almighty and Everlasting GOD, hear my supplication; for Thou art He that workest all in all, and we seek in all things after the succour and assistance that is from Thee, and from Thy Only-begotten SON, and from the Good and Quickening and Consubstantial SPIRIT.

O GOD, Who passing over the sins of human frailty, dost vouchsafe to unworthy men the holy Office of the Priesthood; and not only pardonest sins, but also art pleased to justify the

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sinners themselves; of Whose gift it cometh that things which are not, should receive a beginning; having begun, should receive nourishment; being nourished, should bear fruit; and being fruitful, should be aided to continue; Who hast also created me when I was not, and having created me, hast endued me with steadfast faith, and given to me, being one of the faithful, though defiled by sin, the dignity of Thy Priesthood: I humbly beseech Thine Almighty Goodness to cleanse me from my past sins, to strengthen me in good works during my passage through this world, to confirm me in unwavering perseverance, and to make me so to serve at Thy Altar, that I may be able to attain to the fellowship of those Priests who have been pleasing unto Thee. And may my prayer be acceptable unto Thee, through Him Who offered up Himself to Thee as a Sacrifice, Who is the Maker of all things, and the only High Priest without spot of sin, JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

Prayers for the use of the Priest when Vesting.

1. *At Washing the Hands.*

GIVE virtue, O LORD, to my hands, that every stain may be removed; so that I may be enabled to serve Thee without defilement of mind or body.

2. *As he places the Amice over his head.*

PLACE, O LORD, the helmet of salvation upon my head, that all assaults of the devil may be overcome.

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3. *While the Alb is being put on.*

CLEANSE me, O LORD, and purify my heart; that, being made white in the Blood of the LAMB, I may have the fruition of everlasting joys.

4. *As he girds himself with the Girdle.*

GIRD me about, O LORD, with the girdle of purity, and extinguish in my reins the fire of impurity; so that the virtue of continence and chastity may ever abide within me.

5. *While the Maniple is placed upon the left arm.*

ENABLE me, O LORD, so to wear this maniple of weeping and sorrow, that I may with joy receive the reward of my labour.

6. *As the Stole is placed on the neck.*

GIVE me back, O LORD, the stole of immortality which I lost by the transgression of my first parent; and although I am unworthy to approach Thy Sacred Mystery, yet may I obtain everlasting joy.

7. *At putting on the Chasuble.*

O LORD, Who hast said, My yoke is easy, and My burden is light; make me so to be able to bear it, that I may attain unto Thy favour.

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Prayer for the use of the Sub-deacon on putting on the Tunicle.

MAY the LORD clothe me with the tunicle of delight and with the garment of joyfulness.

Prayer for the use of the Deacon on putting on the Dalmatic.

CLOTHE me, O LORD, with the garment of salvation, and with the vestment of joy, and surround me ever with the dalmatic of righteousness.

Hymns

Sacris Solemniis.

LET this our solemn Feast
With holy joy be crowned,
And from each loving breast
The voice of gladness sound;
Let ancient things depart,
And all be new around,
In every act and voice and heart.

Remember we that eve,
That Supper last and dread,
When CHRIST, as we believe,
The LAMB and leavenless Bread
Unto His Brethren brought;
And thus the Law obeyed,
Of old time to the Fathers taught.

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But when the Law's repast
Was o'er, the type complete,
To His Disciples last
The LORD His FLESH to eat,
The Whole to all, no less
The Whole to each, doth mete,
With His own Hand, as we confess.

He gave the weak and frail,
His BODY for their Food;
The sad, for their regale,
The Chalice of His BLOOD;
And said—Take ye of This,
My CUP with Life imbued;
Oh, drink ye all this Draught of Bliss.

That Sacrifice so He
To institute did will,
And by a sure decree
That Office to fulfil,
To Priests alone confide,
To whom pertaineth still
To take, and to the rest divide.

Lo, Angels' BREAD is made
The Bread of mortal man;
Shows forth this Heavenly BREAD
The end which types began;
Oh, wondrous Boon indeed,
Upon his LORD now can
A poor and humble servant feed.

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Thee, DEITY TRIUNE
Yet ONE, we meekly pray,
Oh, visit us right soon,
As we our homage pay.;
And in Thy Footsteps bright,
Conduct us on our way,
To where Thou dwell'st in cloudless Light.

Sweet Sacrament Divine.

SWEET Sacrament Divine,
Hid in Thine earthly Home,
Lo, round Thy lowly Shrine,
With suppliant hearts we come;
JESUS, to Thee our voice we raise,
In songs of love and heartfelt praise,
Sweet Sacrament Divine.

Sweet Sacrament of Peace,
Dear Home for every heart,
Where restless yearnings cease,
And sorrows all depart;
There in Thine Ear, all trustfully,
We tell our tale of misery,
Sweet Sacrament of Peace.

Sweet Sacrament of Rest,
Ark from the ocean's roar,
Within Thy Shelter blest,
Soon may we reach the shore;
Save us, for still the tempest raves,
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves,
Sweet Sacrament of Rest.

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Sweet Sacrament Divine,
  Earth's Light and Jubilee,
In Thy far depths doth shine
  Thy GODHEAD'S Majesty;
Sweet Light, so shine on us, we pray,
That earthly joys may fade away,
Sweet Sacrament Divine.

Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all.

JESUS, my LORD, my GOD, my All,
  How can I love Thee as I ought?
And how revere this wondrous Gift,
  So far surpassing hope or thought?

Ah see, within a creature's hand
  The vast Creator deigns to be,
Reposing infant-like, as though
  On Joseph's arm, or Mary's knee.

Thy BODY, SOUL, and GODHEAD, all,
  O Mystery of Love Divine,
I cannot compass all I have,
  For all Thou hast and art are mine.

Sound forth His praises higher still,
  And come, ye Angels, to our aid,
'Tis GOD, 'tis GOD, the Very GOD,
  Whose Power both men and Angels made.

O earth, grow flowers beneath His Feet,
  And thou, O sun, shine bright this day,
He comes, He comes, O heaven on earth,
  Our JESUS comes upon His Way.

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He comes, He comes, the LORD of Hosts,
  Borne on His Throne triumphantly;
We see Thee, and we know Thee, LORD;
  And yearn to shed our blood for Thee.

Our hearts leap up; our trembling song
  Grows fainter still; we can no more;
Silence, and let us weep—and die
  Of very love, while we adore.

Hoste dum victo triumphans.

WHEN the Patriarch was returning
  Crowned with triumph from the fray,
Him the peaceful King of Salem
  Came to meet upon his way,
Meekly bearing Bread and Wine,
Holy Priesthood's awful sign.

On the truth, thus dimly shadowed,
  Later days a lustre shed;
When the Great HIGH PRIEST Eternal,
  Under Forms of WINE and BREAD,
For the world's immortal Food,
Gave His FLESH and gave His BLOOD.

Wondrous Gift—The WORD Who moulded
  All things by His Might Divine,
Bread into His BODY changes,
  Into His Own BLOOD the Wine;
What though sense no change perceives,
Faith admires, adores, believes.

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He Who once to die a Victim
  On the Cross did not refuse,
Day by day, upon our Altars,
  That same Sacrifice renews;
Through His holy Priesthood's hands,
Faithful to His last Commands.

While the people all uniting
  In the Sacrifice sublime,
Offer CHRIST to His High FATHER,
  Offer up themselves with Him;
Then together with the Priest,
On the living Victim feast.

Hodiernæ lux diei.

THE sun that lights this happy day
  For risen man on toil intent,
For us lights up a surer ray,
  Renews the Holy Sacrament,
Wherever contrite love hath place,
A healing Balm, a quickening Grace.

To-day the eternal Promise comes,
  The eternal Hand is open spread,
We scarcely looked for falling crumbs,
  We win the children's Pilgrim-Bread;
As bread of old from heaven was sent
It comes, a Gift most excellent.

That was the bread which Moses gave
  The tribes in Sinai's wilderness,

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Fruit of a law which could not save:
  But This is Bread of Angels; This
He gave, Who sits upon heaven's throne,
At His last Supper to His own.

Hast thou a spirit pure and free
  In yearnings, hating nought but sin?
Life of the world yet given for thee
  This Bread renews the heart within;
Vain such a Mystery to show
Are eyes. Have faith, and thou shalt know.

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THE ORDER OF

Consecration & Communion

IN THE

MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

WITH PRIVATE DEVOTIONS

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I. PREPARATION

IN the Name ✠ of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST. Amen.

At the Entrance of the Priest.

THOU shalt purge me with hyssop, O LORD, and I shall be clean: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Have mercy upon me, O GOD, after Thy great

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goodness: according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences.

Glory be to the FATHER.

V. Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:

R. Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

O LORD, show Thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us Thy salvation.
V. LORD, hear my prayer;
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. The LORD be with you;
R. And with thy spirit.

HEAR us, Holy LORD, Almighty FATHER, Eternal GOD; and vouchsafe to send Thy holy Angel to guard, cherish, protect, visit, and defend all that are assembled in this Thy holy Temple: through CHRIST, our LORD.

As the Priest stands at the Altar.

Antiphon. I will go unto the Altar of GOD: even unto the GOD of my joy and gladness.

Psalm 43. *Judica me, Deus.*

GIVE sentence with me, O GOD, and defend my cause against the ungodly people: O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

For Thou art the GOD of my strength; why hast Thou put me from Thee: and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

O send out Thy light and Thy truth, that they

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may lead me: and bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling.

And that I may go unto the Altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness: and upon the harp will I give thanks unto Thee, O God, my God.

Why art thou so heavy, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?

O put thy trust in God; for I will yet give Him thanks: Which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Glory be to the Father.

V. I will go unto the Altar of God;
R. Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

OR

Veni, Creator Spiritus.

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial Fire.
Thou the Anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy seven-fold Gifts impart.
Thy blessed Unction from above,
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual Light
The dulness of our blinded sight.
Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of Thy Grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home:
Where Thou art Guide, no ill can come.
Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee, of Both, to be but One.

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That through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song;
Praise to Thy eternal Merit,
FATHER, SON, and HOLY SPIRIT.

V. When Thou lettest Thy Breath go forth, they shall be made;
R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

OUR help is in the Name of the LORD;
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. Wilt Thou not turn again and quicken us, O GOD;
R. That Thy people may rejoice in Thee?
V. O LORD, show Thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us Thy salvation.
V. LORD, hear my prayer;
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. The LORD be with you;
R. And with thy spirit.

TAKE away from us, O LORD, we beseech Thee, all our iniquities, that with pure minds we may be made worthy to enter into the Holy of Holies.

THE LORD be in thy heart, and on thy lips, and make thee a worthy Minister at His Altar; the LORD be merciful to thee, and forgive thee all thy sins, and bring thee to everlasting life; the LORD accept this holy Sacrifice at thy hands, to His greater glory, and for our necessities.

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FOR THE INTROIT.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for He is gracious: and His mercy endureth for ever. Glory be to GOD, the FATHER, Who hath created us. Glory be to GOD, the SON, Who hath redeemed us. Glory be to GOD, the HOLY GHOST, Who hath sanctified us. Glory be to the Holy Blessed and Undivided TRINITY, Three PERSONS and One GOD. O give thanks unto the GOD of all Gods: for His mercy endureth for ever.

Pater Noster

OUR FATHER, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy Will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven: Give us this day our daily Bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation: But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Collect for Purity

V. Blessed are the pure in heart;
R. For they shall see GOD.

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto Whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy HOLY SPIRIT, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name: through CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

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The Law and Kyrie Eleison

V. LORD, what wilt Thou have me to do?
R. This do, and thou shalt live.

GOD spake these Words, and said: I am the LORD thy GOD; Thou shalt have none other Gods but Me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this Law.

THOU shalt not make to thyself any graven image nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them: for I the LORD thy GOD am a Jealous GOD, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me, and show mercy unto thousands in them that love Me, and keep My Commandments.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this Law.

THOU shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy GOD in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless, that taketh His Name in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this Law.

REMEMBER that thou keep holy the Sabbath Day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy GOD. In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in

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them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the LORD blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this Law.

HONOUR thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long in the land which the LORD thy GOD giveth thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this Law.

THOU shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this Law.

THOU shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this Law.

THOU shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this Law.

THOU shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this Law.

THOU shalt not covet thy neighbour's house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife; nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy Laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

V. Teach me, O LORD, the way of Thy Statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end;

R. Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy Law; yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

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Prayer for the Queen

LET us pray.

V. Kings shall be thy nursing fathers;
R. And Queens thy nursing mothers.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Whose Kingdom is everlasting and power infinite; Have mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of Thy chosen Servant *Victoria*, our Queen and Governor, that she, knowing Whose Minister she is, may above all things seek Thy honour and glory: and that we, and all her subjects, duly considering Whose authority she hath, may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey her, in Thee, and for Thee, according to Thy blessed word and ordinance: through JESUS CHRIST our LORD, Who with Thee and the HOLY GHOST, liveth and reigneth, ever one GOD, world without end. *Amen.*

Or

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting GOD, we are taught by Thy holy word, that the hearts of Kings are in Thy rule and governance, and that Thou dost dispose and turn them as it seemeth best to Thy godly wisdom; We humbly beseech Thee so to dispose and govern the heart of *Victoria* Thy Servant, our Queen and Governor, that, in all her thoughts, words, and works, she may ever seek Thy honour and glory, and study to preserve Thy people committed to her charge, in wealth, peace, and godliness: Grant this, O Merciful FATHER, for Thy dear SON'S sake, JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

Collect

From the Book of Common Prayer.

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Epistle

From the Book of Common Prayer.

After the Epistle.

R. Thanks be to God.

FOR THE GRADUAL.

I WILL love Thee, O Lord, my strength; the Lord is my stony rock and my defence: my Saviour, my God, and my might, in Whom I will trust; my buckler, the horn also of my Salvation and my refuge. I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised: so shall I be safe from mine enemies. In Thee, O Lord, have I trusted: let me never be confounded. Help us, O God our Saviour, and for the glory of Thy Name deliver us; be merciful unto us, for Thy Name's sake.

Holy Gospel

From the Book of Common Prayer.

On behalf of the Priest.

THE Lord be in thy heart and on thy lips, that thou mayest worthily and meetly proclaim His Holy Gospel: in the Name ✠ of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

For the use of the People.

PURIFY my heart, O God, as Thou didst cleanse the lips of the Prophet Isaiah with a burning coal; and vouchsafe, through Thy gracious mercy,

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so to cleanse my heart that I may worthily give heed unto Thy Holy Gospel: through CHRIST our LORD.

Before the Holy Gospel.

GLORY be to Thee, O LORD.

After the Holy Gospel.

PRAISE be to Thee, O CHRIST [for this Thy glorious Gospel.]

R. May our sins be blotted out by the words of the Holy Gospel.

Credo.

V. What must I do to be saved?

R. Believe on the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and thou shalt be saved.

I BELIEVE in One GOD, the FATHER Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in One LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Only-begotten SON of GOD; Begotten of His FATHER before all worlds; GOD of GOD, Light of Light, Very GOD of Very GOD; Begotten, not made; Being of one Substance with the FATHER; By Whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven; AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY GHOST, OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND WAS MADE MAN; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate: He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into Heaven; And sitteth on the Right

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Hand of the FATHER; And He shall come again with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the HOLY GHOST, the LORD and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the FATHER and the SON; Who, with the FATHER and the SON together, is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, [Holy] Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

R. This is the Catholic Faith, which except a man believe faithfully he cannot be saved.

II. OBLATION

FOR THE OFFERTORY.

THE Angel of the LORD tarrieth round about them that fear Him: and delivereth them.

R. O taste and see how gracious the LORD is: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

V. O keep my soul, and deliver me;

R. Let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in Thee.

Offertory

V. If thou hast much, give plenteously:

R. If thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little.

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LET your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your FATHER Which is in Heaven.

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BLESSED be the man that provideth for the sick and needy; the LORD shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

On offering an Alms.

BLESSED be Thou, LORD GOD of Israel our FATHER, for ever and ever, for all that is in the heaven and earth is Thine; Thine is the Kingdom, O LORD, and Thou art exalted as head above all. But who am I, that I should be able to offer to Thee so willingly after this sort? For all things come of Thee and of Thine own do I give Thee; neither will I offer unto the LORD my GOD of that which doth cost me nothing.

Oblation of the Elements

At the Offering of the Paten.

V. He is brought as a Lamb to the slaughter;
R. And as a Sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth.

RECEIVE, HOLY FATHER, Almighty, Everlasting GOD, this spotless Victim, which I, Thy unworthy servant, by the hands of Thy Priest, offer unto Thee the Living and True GOD, for my numberless sins, offences and negligences, and for

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all here present, as also for all faithful Christians, both living and dead; that It may make us worthy to attain unto everlasting life.

At the Mixture of the Cup.

V. One of the soldiers with a spear pierced His Side;

R. And forthwith came thereout Blood and Water.

O GOD, Who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully renew the dignity of the substance of man; grant that, by the mystery of this Water and Wine, we may become partakers of His Divine Nature Who vouchsafed to become partaker of our manhood, JESUS CHRIST, Thy SON our LORD.

At the Offering of the Chalice.

V. Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah?

R. Wherefore art Thou red in Thine apparel, and Thy garments like him that treadeth in the wine-fat?

WE offer unto Thee, O LORD, by the hands of Thy Priest, the Chalice of Salvation, humbly beseeching Thy mercy that It may ascend before Thy divine Majesty, as an Offering and a Sacrifice of a sweet-smelling savour for our salvation, and for that of the whole world.

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After the Offering of Both.

IN the spirit of humility and with a contrite heart, may we be received by Thee, O LORD; and grant that the Sacrifice which we join in offering in Thy sight this day may be well-pleasing unto Thee, O LORD GOD: in the Name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST.

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY GHOST.

COME, O Almighty and Eternal GOD, the Sanctifier, and bless this Sacrifice prepared for the glory of Thy holy Name.

OFFERING OF INCENSE.

V. And another Angel came and stood at the Altar, having a golden Censer;

R. And there was given unto him much Incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all Saints upon the golden Altar which was before the Throne.

When the Incense is Blessed.

MAY the LORD vouchsafe to bless this Incense, and to receive it for a sweet-smelling savour: through CHRIST our LORD.

At the Censing of the Bread and Wine.

LET this Incense, which Thou hast blessed, ascend unto Thee, O LORD, and let Thy Loving-mercy descend upon us.

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At the Censing of the Altar.

LET my prayer, O LORD, be set forth in Thy sight as the Incense: and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth: and keep the door of my lips.

O let not mine heart be inclined to any evil thing: let me not be occupied in ungodly works, with the men that work wickedness.

After the Censing.

THE LORD enkindle in us the fire of His Love, and the flame of eternal Charity.

V. And the Angel took the Censer, and filled it with fire of the Altar, and cast it upon the earth;

R. And the smoke of the Incense, which came with the prayers of the Saints, ascended up before GOD out of the Angel's hand.

LAVABO.

V. Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

R. Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

I WILL wash my hands in innocency, O LORD: and so will I go to Thine Altar.

That I may show the voice of thanksgiving: and tell of all Thy wondrous works.

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LORD, I have loved the habitation of Thy house: and the place where Thine honour dwelleth.

O shut not up my soul with the sinners: nor my life with the blood-thirsty.

In whose hands is wickedness: and their right hand is full of gifts.

But as for me, I will walk innocently: O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.

My foot standeth right: I will praise the LORD in the congregations.

Glory be to the FATHER.

After the Lavabo.

RECEIVE, O HOLY TRINITY, this Oblation which, by the hands of Thy Priest, we offer unto Thee in Memory of the Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

MAY this our Sacrifice be acceptable to GOD the FATHER Almighty; and may the LORD receive It at the hands of His Priest, to the praise and glory of His own Name, to our benefit, and to that of His Holy Church.

FOR THE SECRETA.

MERCIFULLY hear our prayers, O LORD, and graciously accept this offering which we Thy servants make unto Thee: that, as we offer it to the honour of Thy holy Name, so it may be to us a means of obtaining Thy grace here, and in the world to come, life everlasting: through CHRIST our LORD.

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Prayer for Christ's Church

LET us pray

FOR the whole state of CHRIST'S Church militant here in earth.

V. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee;

R. Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

ALMIGHTY and Everliving GOD, Who, by Thy holy Apostle, hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men;

OBLATION OF THE ELEMENTS.

WE humbly beseech Thee most mercifully to accept our [Alms and] Oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Thy divine Majesty; Beseeching Thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the SPIRIT of Truth, Unity, and Concord: And grant that all they that do confess Thy holy Name may agree in the truth of Thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE LIVING.

WE beseech Thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and especially Thy Servant, *Victoria*, our Queen; that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Thy true religion and virtue. Give grace, O

PRAYER FOR THE POWERS THAT BE.

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Heavenly FATHER, to all Bishops and Curates, [. . . .], that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth Thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy Sacraments. And to all Thy people give Thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present, [. . . .]; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive Thy holy word; truly serving Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech Thee, of Thy goodness, O LORD, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [. . . .].

PRAYER FOR THE CLERGY.

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK, AND OTHERS.

And we also bless Thy holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life, in Thy faith and fear [. . . .]; beseeching Thee to give us grace, so to follow their good examples, that, with them, we may be partakers of Thy heavenly Kingdom:

REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED.

GRANT this, O FATHER, for JESUS CHRIST'S sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Invitation

V. Having, therefore, boldness to enter into the Holiest by the BLOOD of JESUS, through the veil, that is to say, His FLESH;

R. Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your

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neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of GOD, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty GOD, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Confession

V. I acknowledge my transgressions;
R. And my sin is ever before me.

ALMIGHTY GOD, FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against Thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burthen of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most Merciful FATHER; For Thy SON our LORD JESUS CHRIST'S sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant, that we may ever hereafter Serve and please Thee, In newness of life, To the honour and glory of Thy Name: Through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

Absolution

V. Wash me throughly from my wickedness;
R. And cleanse me from my sin.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly FATHER, Who of His great mercy hath promised forgiveness of

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sins, to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

Comfortable Words

V. I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.

HEAR what comfortable words our SAVIOUR CHRIST saith unto all that truly turn to Him:

COME unto Me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

SO GOD loved the world, that He gave His Only-begotten SON, to the end, that all that believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

HEAR also what Saint Paul saith:

THIS is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received: That CHRIST JESUS came into the world to save sinners.

HEAR also what Saint John saith:

IF any man sin, we have an Advocate with the FATHER, JESUS CHRIST the Righteous; and He is the Propitiation for our sins.

Sursum Corda

LIFT up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.

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LET us give thanks unto our LORD GOD.
It is meet and right so to do.

Daily Preface

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O LORD, [Holy FATHER,] Almighty, Everlasting GOD:

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of Heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore praising Thee, and saying:

Sanctus

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD of Hosts, Heaven
OLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD of Hosts, Heaven
and earth are full of Thy Glory; Glory be to Thee, O
and earth are full of Thy Glory; Glory be to Thee, O
LORD most High. Amen.
LORD most High. Amen.

V. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the LORD.
R. Hosanna in the Highest.

Proper Prefaces

Upon Christmas-day, and Seven Days after.

BECAUSE Thou didst give JESUS CHRIST Thine Only SON to be born, as at this time, for us; Who by the Operation of the HOLY GHOST, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary, His Mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin: Therefore with Angels.

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Upon Easter-day, and Seven Days after.

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise Thee for the glorious Resurrection of Thy SON JESUS CHRIST our LORD: for He is the very Paschal LAMB, Which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; Who by His death hath destroyed death, and by His rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life: Therefore with Angels.

Upon Ascension-day, and Seven Days after.

THROUGH Thy most dearly Beloved SON JESUS CHRIST our LORD; Who, after His most glorious Resurrection, manifestly appeared to all His Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into Heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where He is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with Him in glory: Therefore with Angels.

Upon Whitsun-day, and Six Days after.

THROUGH JESUS CHRIST our LORD; according to Whose most true promise, the HOLY GHOST came down, as at this time, from Heaven with a sudden great sound, as it had been a mighty Wind, in the likeness of fiery Tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth; giving them both the gift of divers languages, and also boldness with fervent zeal, constantly to preach the Gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error, into the clear light and true knowledge of Thee, and of Thy SON JESUS CHRIST: Therefore with Angels.

Upon the Feast of Trinity only.

WHO art One GOD, One LORD; not One only Person, but Three PERSONS in One SUB-

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STANCE: For that which we believe of the glory of the FATHER, the same we believe of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST, without any difference or inequality: Therefore with Angels.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of Heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore praising Thee, and saying:

Sanctus

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD of Hosts, Heaven
OLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD of Hosts, Heaven
and earth are full of Thy glory; Glory be to Thee, O
and earth are full of Thy glory; Glory be to Thee, O
LORD most High. Amen.
LORD most High. Amen.

V. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the LORD.

R. Hosanna in the Highest.

Prayer of Humble Access

V. Whoso eateth My FLESH, and drinketh My BLOOD, hath Eternal Life;

R. For My FLESH is Meat indeed, and My BLOOD is Drink indeed.

WE do not presume to come to this Thy Table, O Merciful LORD, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table. But Thou art the same LORD, Whose property is always to have mercy; Grant us therefore, Gracious LORD, so to eat the FLESH of Thy dear SON

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JESUS CHRIST, and to drink His BLOOD, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His BODY, and our souls washed through His most precious BLOOD, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. *Amen.*

III. CONSECRATION

Canon

Prayer for the Church.

WE humbly pray and beseech Thee, most Merciful FATHER, through JESUS CHRIST, Thy SON our LORD, that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to accept and bless these Gifts, these Offerings, this holy and incomparable Sacrifice which we offer unto Thee on behalf of Thy Holy Catholic Church, that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to grant it peace, and to protect, unite, and govern it throughout the world; together with all who truly believe and obey the Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LIVING.

BE mindful, O LORD, of Thy servants N . . . . and handmaids N . . . . ; of all here present, whose faith Thou perceivest and whose devotion Thou knowest; and of those for whom we offer, or who themselves offer unto Thee, this Sacrifice of Praise, on behalf of themselves, their families, and their friends. Be mindful also, O LORD, of us all who offer for the redemption of our souls, for the hope of salvation and for our well-being; and,

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especially for those who now pay their vows unto Thee, the Eternal, Living, and True GOD.

Oblation to God the Father.

WE beseech Thee, O LORD, graciously to receive this, the Oblation of our duty and service and of Thy whole family; that Thou wouldest be pleased to grant us Thy peace all the days of our life, to save us from eternal damnation, and to make us to be numbered with Thy Saints in glory everlasting. And do Thou, O GOD, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to bless, confirm, and ratify this Oblation, which is our reasonable service, that it may become unto us the BODY and BLOOD of Thy most dearly-beloved SON, JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

On behalf of the Celebrant.

THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble : the Name of the GOD of Jacob defend thee.

Send thee help from the sanctuary : and strengthen thee out of Sion.

Remember all thy offerings : and accept thy burnt-sacrifice.

Grant thee thy heart's desire : and fulfil all thy mind.

The LORD receive this Sacrifice at thy hands to the praise and glory of His Name, to our benefit, and to the good of His holy Church.

Save, LORD, and hear us, O King of Heaven : when we call upon Thee.

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To God the Holy Ghost.

GOD the LORD, in mercy bending,
  Hear us from Thy holy Shrine,
And, Thine aid Almighty lending,
  Let Thy HOLY GHOST Divine,
Hither from on high descending,
  Brood upon the Bread and Wine.

He, GOD, Potent to deliver,
  LORD of Life, and Love, and Might,
He, of all good gifts the Giver,
  Who by Prophets spake aright,
DOVE which came to Jordan's river,
  WIND that came with tongues of light.

Let Him come, our Strength and Tower,
  To this Altar now to-day,
And His holy Influence shower
  On the Gifts which here we lay;
Let Him with His quickening Power,
  While in lowliness we pray,

Make this Bread the FLESH Redeeming
  Of the SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST;
And this Cup the Rich BLOOD streaming
  From the Victim sacrificed,
Heavenly Food with bounties teeming,
  Chalice of His Love unpriced.

Let Them be for faith and healing,
  Pardon from all guilt and shame,

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Wisdom, Grace in act and feeling,
  Holiness of soul and frame,
Everlasting Life revealing,
  And the Glory of Thy Name.

Before Consecration.

LO! in wondrous condescension
  JESUS seeks His Altar-throne;
Though in lively Symbols hidden,
  Faith and love His Presence own:
When the LORD His Temple visits,
  Let the listening earth be still;
May the SPIRIT's sweet indwelling
  Each believing heart fulfil.

Here, in figure represented,
  See the Passion once again;
Here, behold, the LAMB most Holy
  As for our redemption slain;
Here the SAVIOUR'S BODY broken,
  Here the BLOOD which JESUS shed,
Mystic FOOD of Life Eternal,
  See, for our refreshment spread.

Here shall highest praise be offered,
  Here shall meekest prayer be poured,
Here with body, soul, and spirit,
  GOD Incarnate be adored:
Holy JESUS, for Thy coming,
  May Thy love our hearts prepare;
Thine we fain would have them wholly,
  Enter, LORD, and tarry there.

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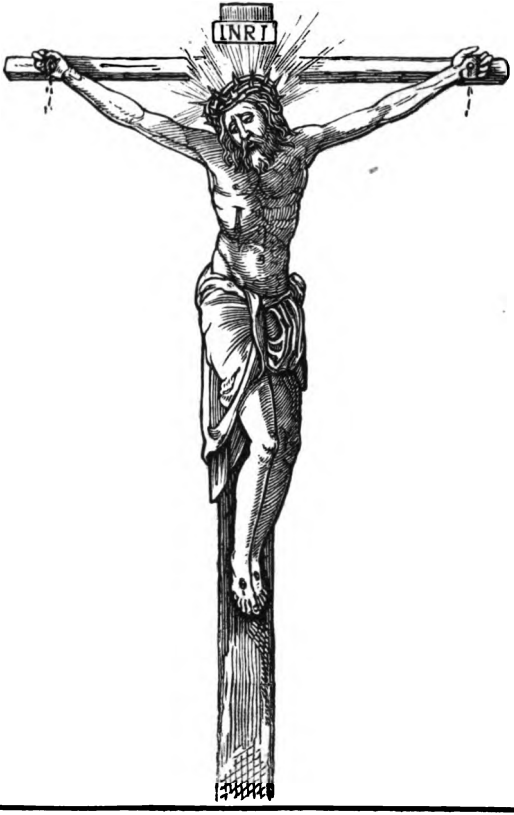

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Consecration

V. This is My BODY; This is My BLOOD.
R. LORD, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly FATHER, Who of Thy tender mercy didst give Thine Only SON JESUS CHRIST to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; Who made there, by His one Oblation of Himself, once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient Sacrifice, Oblation and Satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in His holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual Memory of that His precious Death until His Coming again:

COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION.

HEAR us, O Merciful FATHER, we most humbly beseech Thee; and grant, that we, receiving these Thy creatures of Bread and Wine, according to Thy SON our SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST'S holy Institution, in Remembrance of His Death and Passion, may be partakers of His most Blessed BODY and BLOOD:

INVOCATION.

WHO, in the same night that He was betrayed, took Bread; and, when He had given thanks, He brake It, and gave It to His Disciples, saying: Take, Eat; **This is My Body Which is given for you**: Do This in Remembrance of Me:

CONSECRATION OF THE BREAD.

LIKEWISE after Supper He took the Cup; and when He had given thanks, He gave It to them, saying: Drink ye all of This; For **This is My Blood of the New Testament Which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins**: Do This, as oft as ye shall drink It, in Remembrance of Me. *Amen.*

CONSECRATION OF THE WINE.

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At the Consecration of the Paten.

HAIL, to all ages! most holy FLESH of CHRIST, That art to me the chiefest of all good things. May the BODY of our LORD JESUS CHRIST be unto me, a sinner, a continual Nourishment unto eternal life. In the Name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST.

At the Consecration of the Chalice.

HAIL, to all ages! heavenly Cup of the most precious BLOOD of CHRIST, That art to me the chiefest of all good things. May the BLOOD of our LORD JESUS CHRIST be unto me, a sinner, a continual Refreshment unto eternal life. In the Name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST.

Acts of Adoration.

HAIL, for evermore! most holy and precious FLESH of our LORD. Hail, for evermore! most holy and precious BLOOD of our LORD. Hail! saving Victim for the salvation of mankind, offered on the Altar of the Cross. Hail! most sufficient Sacrifice. Hail! most sweet Refreshment. Hail! JESUS CHRIST, our LORD and our GOD. Hail! Redeemer of the world, the Glory of the elect, Who for us, miserable sinners, didst vouchsafe to take upon Thee this FLESH from the spotless Virgin, and to shed forth this BLOOD from Thy Side, whilst hanging on the Cross; purify me, sanctify me, and lead me in the way of eternal salvation.

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WORTHY is the LAMB That was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing: for He hath loved us, and hath washed us from our sins in His own BLOOD, and hath made us kings and priests unto GOD, and His FATHER; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

THOU art worthy to take the Book and to open the seals thereof; for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to GOD by Thy BLOOD out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our GOD kings and priests. Blessing, and wisdom, and glory, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our GOD for ever and ever.

O Salutaris Hostia.

O SAVING Victim, opening wide
The gate of Heaven to man below;
Our foes press on from every side,
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

Blest THREE in ONE, to Thee ascend
All thanks and praise for evermore,
Oh, grant us life that shall not end
Upon the heavenly country's shore.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum.

THEREFORE we, before Him bending,
This great Sacrament revere;

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Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer Rite is here;
Faith, our inward sense befriending,
Makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing,
To the FATHER, and the SON,
Honour, might, and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too, His love confessing,
Who from Both with Both is One.

COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD.

BE mindful, O LORD, of Thy servants N . . . and handmaids N . . . , who are gone before us with the sign of faith, and rest in the sleep of peace. To these, O LORD, and to all that sleep in CHRIST grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light, and peace: through the same, CHRIST our LORD.

Prayer for Peace.

DELIVER us, O LORD, we beseech Thee, from all evils, past, present and to come, and favourably grant peace in our time, that by the help of Thy mercy we may ever be kept free from sin and safe from all distress.

AT THE COMMIXTURE.

LET this Commingling and Consecration of the BODY and BLOOD of our LORD JESUS CHRIST be to us that receive It for Eternal Life.

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Agnus Dei.

O LAMB of GOD, That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O LAMB of GOD, That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O LAMB of GOD, That takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

IV. COMMUNION

Reception

Before approaching the Altar.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, SON of the Living GOD, Who by the will of the FATHER and the co-operation of the HOLY GHOST, hast by Thy death given life unto the world; deliver me, I beseech Thee, by this Thy most sacred BODY and BLOOD, from all my iniquities, and from every evil, and make me always to walk in the way of Thy commandments, and suffer me never to be separated from Thee.

On approaching the Altar.

LET not the participation of Thy BODY and BLOOD, O LORD JESUS CHRIST, which I, unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation; but, through Thy mercy, may they be profitable unto me as a safeguard and protection both to soul and body.

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Anima Christi.

SOUL of JESUS, make me holy,
Make me contrite, meek and lowly;
SOUL most Stainless, SOUL Divine,
Cleanse this sordid soul of mine;
Hallow this polluted soul,
Purify it, make it whole;
SOUL of JESUS, hallow me;
Miserere DOMINE.

Save me, BODY of my LORD,
Save a sinner vile, abhorred;
Sacred BODY, wan and worn,
Bruised and mangled, scourged and torn,
Pierced Hands, and Feet, and Side,
Rent, insulted, crucified,
Save me, to the Cross I flee;
Miserere DOMINE.

BLOOD of JESUS, Stream of Life,
Sacred Stream with Blessings rife
From that broken BODY, shed
On the Cross, that Altar dread;
Given to be our Drink Divine,
Fill my heart, and make it Thine;
BLOOD of CHRIST, my succour be;
Miserere DOMINE.

Holy WATER, Stream that poured
From Thy riven Side, O LORD,
Wash Thou me without, within,
Cleanse me from the taint of sin,

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Till my soul is clean and white,
Bathed, and purified, and bright,
As a ransomed soul should be;
Miserere Domine.

Jesu, by the wondrous Power
Of Thine awful Passion hour,
By the unimagined Woe
Mortal man may never know;
By the Curse upon Thee laid,
By the Ransom Thou hast paid,
By Thy Passion comfort me;
Miserere Domine.

Jesu, by Thy bitter Death,
By Thy last expiring Breath,
Give me the eternal Life
Purchased by that mortal strife;
Thou didst suffer death, that I
Might not die eternally;
By Thy Dying quicken me;
Miserere Domine.

Miserere; let me be
Never parted, Lord, from Thee;
Guard me from my ruthless foe,
Save me from eternal Woe;
In the dreadful Judgment Day,
Be Thy Cross my hope and stay;
When the hour of death is near,
And my spirit faints for fear,

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Call me with Thy voice of love,
Place me near to Thee above,
With Thine Angel Hosts to raise
An undying song of praise;
Miserere DOMINE.

On kneeling at the Altar.

LORD, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only, and Thy servant shall be healed.

Before receiving the Sacred Body of the Lord.

BEHOLD the LAMB of GOD, That taketh away the sins of the world! I will receive the Bread of Heaven, and call upon the Name of the LORD: I will offer to Thee the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving, and will call upon the Name of the LORD.

Communion

THE BODY of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

TAKE and eat This, in remembrance that CHRIST died for thee; and feed on Him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

After Reception.

GRANT, O LORD, I beseech Thee, that What I have taken outwardly with my lips I may with a pure heart inwardly receive; and that the Gift vouchsafed in this life may avail to my healing

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and salvation in the life to come. LORD, may this Holy Communion cleanse me from all sin, and make me a partaker of Thy heavenly blessings.

Before receiving the Precious Blood of the Lord.

WHAT reward shall I give unto the LORD for all the benefits that He hath done unto me? I will receive the Cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the LORD: I will call upon the LORD, Which is worthy to be praised, so shall I be safe from my enemies.

Communion

THE BLOOD of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

DRINK This, in remembrance that CHRIST'S BLOOD was shed for thee; and be thankful.

After Reception.

GRANT, O LORD, I beseech Thee, that What I have taken outwardly with my lips I may with a pure heart inwardly receive; and that the Gift vouchsafed in this life may avail to my healing and salvation in the life to come. LORD, may this Holy Communion cleanse me from all sin, and make me a partaker of Thy heavenly blessings.

On leaving the Altar.

MAY Thy sacred BODY, O LORD, which I have eaten, and Thy precious BLOOD which I

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have drunk, cleave unto my soul; and grant that no stain of sin may remain in me who have been refreshed with this most pure and holy Sacrament.

THANKS be unto GOD for His unspeakable Gift. I have found Him Whom my soul loveth; I will hold Him, and will not let Him go. My Beloved is mine, and I am His. I am my Beloved's, and His desire is towards me.

On kneeling again in the Church.

I YIELD Thee hearty thanks, O LORD, Holy FATHER, Almighty, Everlasting GOD, Who hast refreshed me with the most holy BODY and BLOOD of Thy SON, our LORD JESUS CHRIST: and I humbly pray that this Sacrament of our Salvation, which I, unworthy sinner, have received, may not come into judgment or condemnation against me according to my deserts, but may be helpful for the advancement of my soul and body unto life eternal.

FOR THE COMMUNION.

ONE thing have I desired of the LORD, which I will require: even that I may dwell in the House of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the LORD, and to visit His temple. O taste and see how gracious the LORD is: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

FOR THE POST-COMMUNION.

POUR forth upon us, O LORD GOD, the SPIRIT of Thy LOVE, that by Thy Mercy Thou mayest

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make those of one heart and mind whom Thou hast vouchsafed to feed with one Heavenly Food. Through our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the Unity of the same HOLY SPIRIT, One GOD, world without end.

Adoro Te devote, latens Deitas.

O GODHEAD Hid, devoutly I adore Thee,
Who truly art within the Forms before me,
To Thee my heart I bow with bended knee,
As failing quite in contemplating Thee.

Sight, touch, and taste in Thee are each deceived;
The ear alone most safely is believed;
I believe all the SON of GOD hath spoken,
Than Truth's own word there is no surer token.

GOD only on the Cross lay hid from view;
But here lies hid at once the Manhood too;
And I, in both professing my belief,
The same prayer make as the repentant thief.

Thy Wounds, as Thomas saw, I do not see;
Yet Thee confess my LORD and GOD to be:
Make me believe Thee ever more and more,
In Thee my hope, in Thee my love to store.

O Thou Memorial of our LORD'S own dying,
O living Bread, to mortals life supplying,
Make Thou my soul henceforth on Thee to live;
Ever a taste of heavenly sweetness give.

O loving Pelican, O CHRIST my GOD,
Unclean I am, but cleanse me in Thy BLOOD;

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Of which a single drop, for sinners spilt,
Could ransom all the world from all its guilt.

JESU, Whom for the present veiled I see,
What I so thirst for, oh, vouchsafe to me;
That I may see Thy countenance unfolding,
And may be blest Thy glory in beholding.

JESU, Eternal Shepherd, hear our cry;
Increase the faith of all whose souls on Thee rely.

V. POST-COMMUNION

Pater Noster

V. LORD, teach us to pray.
R. When ye pray, say:

OUR FATHER, Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name: Thy Kingdom come: Thy Will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven: Give us this day our daily Bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation: But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Oblation

V. This Man, after He had offered One Sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the Right Hand of GOD;
R. By Him therefore let us offer the Sacrifice

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of Praise to GOD continually, giving thanks to His Name; for we have an Altar.

O LORD and Heavenly FATHER, we, Thy humble servants, entirely desire Thy fatherly Goodness, mercifully to accept this our Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching Thee to grant, that by the Merits and Death of Thy SON JESUS CHRIST, and through faith in His BLOOD, we, and all Thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of His Passion.

OBLATION OF THE SACRIFICE.

AND here we offer and present unto Thee, O LORD, ourselves, our souls, and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively Sacrifice unto Thee, humbly beseeching Thee, that all we, who are partakers of this Holy Communion, may be fulfilled with Thy Grace and heavenly Benediction.

OBLATION OF OURSELVES.

AND although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences:

OBLATION OF THE SACRAMENT.

THROUGH JESUS CHRIST our LORD, by Whom and with Whom, in the Unity of the HOLY GHOST, all honour and glory be unto Thee, O FATHER Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

Or

Thanksgiving

V. Offer unto GOD thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the Most Highest;

R. Whoso offereth Me thanks and praise, he

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honoureth Me; and to him that ordereth his conversation right will I show the salvation of GOD.

ALMIGHTY and Everliving GOD, we most heartily thank Thee, for that Thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy Mysteries, with the spiritual Food of the most precious BODY and BLOOD of Thy SON, our SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST; and dost assure us thereby of Thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical Body of Thy SON, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of Thy everlasting Kingdom, by the Merits of the most precious Death and Passion of Thy dear SON. And we most humbly beseech Thee, O Heavenly FATHER, so to assist us with Thy Grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through JESUS CHRIST our LORD, to Whom, with Thee and the HOLY GHOST, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Gloria in Excelsis

V. O come, let us worship, and fall down, and kneel before the LORD our Maker;

R. For we know What we worship; and all nations shall come and worship before Him.

GLORY be to GOD on High, and in earth Peace, Good-will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory, O LORD GOD, heavenly King, GOD the FATHER Almighty.

O LORD, the Only-begotten SON JESU CHRIST; O LORD GOD, LAMB of GOD, SON of the FATHER, That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy

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upon us. Thou That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou That takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou That sittest at the Right Hand of GOD the FATHER, have mercy upon us:

FOR Thou only art Holy; Thou only art the LORD; Thou only, O CHRIST, with the HOLY GHOST, art most High in the Glory of GOD the FATHER. *Amen.*

Blessing

V. I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me.

THE Peace of GOD, Which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of GOD, and of His SON JESUS CHRIST our LORD: PEACE.

AND the Blessing of GOD Almighty, the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY GHOST, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.* BLESSING.

R. Thanks be unto GOD for His unspeakable Gift.

At the Ablutions.

O GOD, Who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left us a perpetual Memorial of Thy Passion; grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred Mysteries of Thy BODY and BLOOD, that we may always perceive in our souls the fruit of the redemption which Thou hast purchased for us.

O HOLY TRINITY, may the performance of this my service be pleasing unto Thee; and may this holy Sacrifice which I, though unworthy, have

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joined in offering up in the sight of Thy Divine Majesty, be acceptable unto Thee, and through Thy mercy obtain Thy gracious favour for myself and for all for whom It has been offered.

BEHOLD, O Eternal FATHER, the health-giving Sacrifice of the Eucharist is offered. May It be acceptable unto Thee, since Thy Beloved SON is herein set forth before Thee. May He now, I beseech Thee, perform the office of a Mediator and Advocate where He sitteth at Thy right hand, and maketh intercession for us. Remember all His patience, love, and pity; and vouchsafe to listen unto me who pray unto Thee in His Name, that this Sacrifice may be well-pleasing unto Thee, to the glory of Thy Name, and be profitable to the salvation of all Thy faithful servants.

GRANT, O LORD, that as I have now been admitted to see Thee under the Form of Bread and Wine; so, when Thou shalt come again in Judgment, I may be found worthy, in sure trust and joy, to behold Thee in Thy glorious Majesty, and may enjoy Thee for ever, in Thy eternal Kingdom.

O MOST Merciful LORD, Who hast not disdained to receive us, miserable sinners, even at this solemn hour, into Thy Presence, to glorify and praise Thee; forgive me all the failings which have come upon me in this very time of prayer, in that other thoughts have taken hold of my mind, or have carried it away in vain desires. Oh, let not

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mine enemy boast himself against me, that I have not taken heed of sin, even in this very time of praise, confession, and Holy Communion.

The beginning of the Gospel according to S. John.

IN the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was with GOD, and the WORD was GOD. The same was in the beginning with GOD. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men. And the Light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not.

There was a Man sent from GOD, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through Him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

That was the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the Sons of GOD, even to them that believe on His Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of GOD.

AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only-Begotten of the FATHER, full of grace and truth.

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Hymns

Lauda, Sion, Salvatorem.

LAUD! O Sion, thy Salvation,
Laud! with hymns of exultation,
CHRIST, thy King and Shepherd true;
Bring Him all the praise thou knowest;
He is more than thou bestowest;
Never canst thou reach His due.

Special theme for glad thanksgiving
Is the Living, and Life-giving
Bread, to-day before thee set;
From His hands of old partaken,
As we know by faith unshaken,
Where the twelve at supper met.

Full and clear ring out thy chanting,
Joy nor sweetest grace be wanting,
From thy heart let praises burst:
For to-day the Feast is holden
When the institution olden
Of that Supper is rehearsed.

Here the New Law's New Oblation
By the New KING'S revelation
Ends the ancient Paschal rite;
Now the new the old effaces,
Truth away the shadow chases,
Morn dispels the gloom of night.

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What He did, at supper seated,
CHRIST ordained to be repeated,
  His Memorial ne'er to cease;
And His rule for guidance taking,
Bread and Wine we hallow, making
  Thus our Sacrifice of Peace.

Wondrous truth by Christians learned
Bread into His FLESH is turned,
  Into precious BLOOD the Wine;
Sight hath failed, nor thought conceiveth,
But a dauntless faith believeth
  Resting on a Power divine.

Under diverse Forms existing
Signs, of earthly things consisting,
  Things of priceless worth are veiled:
BLOOD for drinking, FLESH for eating,
Yet in both the faithful meeting,
  Wholly present CHRIST is hailed.

Whoso of this Food partaketh
Rendeth not the LORD, nor breaketh:
  CHRIST is whole to all that taste:
Thousands are, as one, receivers;
One, as thousands of believers,
  Eats of Him Who cannot waste.

Bad and good the Feast are sharing;
Yet what diverse dooms prparing,
  Endless death, or endless life:
Life to these, to those damnation;
See how like participation
  Is with unlike issues rife.

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When the Sacrament is broken,
Doubt not, but believe 'tis spoken,
That each severed outward Token
  Doth the very whole contain:
Naught the precious Gift divideth,
Breaking but the sign betideth,
JESUS still the same abideth,
  Still unbroken doth remain.

Lo! the Angels' Food descending,
Given to pilgrims homeward wending:
Bread the children's steps attending
  Which on dogs may not be spent;
See the truth in types fulfilling,
Isaac bound, a Victim willing;
Paschal Lamb its life-blood spilling;
  Manna to the fathers sent.

Very Bread, Good Shepherd, tend us;
JESU, of Thy love befriend us;
Thou refresh us, Thou defend us;
Thine eternal Goodness send us
  In the land of life to see;
Thou who all things canst and knowest,
Who on earth such Food bestowest,
Grant us with Thy Saints, though lowest,
Where the heavenly Feast Thou showest,
  Fellow heirs and guests to be.

Τὸ μέγα Μυστήριον.

O THE Mystery, passing wonder,
  When reclining at the board,

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Eat, Thou saidst to Thy Disciples,
  That True BREAD with quickening stored;
Drink in faith the healing CHALICE,
  From a Dying GOD outpoured.

Then the glorious Upper Chamber
  A celestial tent was made,
When the Bloodless Rite was offered,
  And the soul's true service paid,
And the table of the feasters
  As an Altar stood displayed.

CHRIST is now our mighty Pascha,
  Eaten for our mystic Bread;
As a Lamb led out to slaughter,
  And for this world offered;
Take we of His broken BODY,
  Drink we of the BLOOD He shed.

To the Twelve spake Truth eternal,
  To the branches spake the Vine,
Never more from this day forward
  Shall I taste again this Wine,
Till I drink it in the Kingdom
  Of My FATHER, and with Mine.

Thou hast stretched those hands for silver
  That had held the Immortal FOOD;
With those lips that late had tasted
  Of the BODY and the BLOOD,
Thou hast given the kiss, O Judas;
  Thou hast heard the Woe bestowed.

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CHRIST to all the world gives banquet
On that most Celestial MEAT;
Him, albeit with lips all earthly,
Yet with holy hearts we greet,
Him the sacrificial Pascha,
Priest and Victim all complete.

I know that Thou art here.

I KNOW that Thou art here, I know not how,
While others argue, I Thy Word adore;
Body and Soul before Thee lowly bow;
Thy Word hath spoken it, I ask no more,
Who eateth Me, the same shall live by Me.
O soul-subduing Voice, O Mystery;
My whole heart thirsteth after Thee, LORD CHRIST;
Therefore I live for Thy Dread EUCHARIST.

That which He offered at the Paschal Feast,
That which He offered on the Fruitful Tree,
The once-slain Victim, Prophet, King, and Priest,
FATHER, we offer here in Mystery;
Behold the Merits, which we could not win;
Behold His Griefs, Who bore the whole world's sin;
Behold, LORD GOD, the Face of Thine Own CHRIST,
Shown forth to Thee in Thy Dread EUCHARIST.

Ye Saints of GOD, Sweet JESUS' Body glorious,
From Abel to the babe baptized but now,
Ye that in Paradise take rest victorious,
Ye that on earth beneath the Cross still bow,
Ye lightning-visaged hosts Angelical,
Here at this Holy Feast I meet you all;

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Heaven and earth are one in Thee, LORD CHRIST,
Therefore I live for Thy Dread EUCHARIST.

Deep penitence was her's, who bathed Thy Feet
In tears that welled from out a broken heart;
High was her lot when Thou didst make her meet
In quiet love to choose the better part;
More blest when she, unsparing and deep-loving,
Did what she could, and heard Thy kind approving;
So let me gather Grace on Grace, LORD CHRIST;
Therefore I live for Thy Dread EUCHARIST.

A rushing Sound as of a mighty Wind
Came down from Heaven, and cloven Tongues of Flame
On every faithful brow their place did find:
Not so He cometh now; yet aye the Same,
With soft low Breathings on the inmost heart,
His unseen Fire of Love He doth impart,
But chiefly at Thine Altar, O LORD CHRIST;
Therefore I live for Thy Dread EUCHARIST.

Thou art ascended: we may touch Thee now,
By holy Faith which dwells in things above,
By holy Hope enduring things below,
By Love, outstripping both, repentant Love;
Yea, and by this, combining all in one,
Faith, Hope, and Love in vast Communion,
This more than heavenly teaching, O LORD CHRIST,
This Gift of Gifts, Thy Glorious EUCHARIST.

Thy Will be mine; for nothing will I long,
Thy perfect Will shall be my only care;

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Give as Thou wilt, pain, sickness, grief, or wrong,
Chill failure, or success more hard to bear:
But grant that saturate with Grace Divine,
My heart may beat in harmony with Thine;
For Thou, O God, art Very Man, Lord Christ;
Therefore I live for Thy Dread Eucharist.

The Mystery of Mysteries.

THE Mystery of Mysteries:
Now let the pure in heart draw nigh,
While every pulse is beating high
With love and holy fear;
For Christ hath risen at break of day,
And bids us from the world away,
And haste to meet Him here.

The Mystery of Mysteries:
The Angels and Archangels come
On wings of light from out their home,
In ranks of glory wheeling;
Our souls shall mix and blend with theirs,
In loud thank-offerings and prayers,
Before the Altar kneeling.

The Mystery of Mysteries:
The souls that still in dimness dwell
Deep in the Church invisible,
From doubt and care remote,
They too shall keep the Feast to-day,
And to their cells, though far away,
The hymn of joy shall float.

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The Mystery of Mysteries:
Oh, far and wide through all the earth,
Emotions of unwonted mirth
  And feeling strange shall be;
And secret sounds shall come and go,
Harmonious, as the throbbing flow
  Of the mysterious sea.

The Mystery of Mysteries:
The dead and living shall be one,
And thrills of fiery transport run
  With sweetest power through all;
For one in heart and faith are we,
And moulded One, our Head, through Thee,
  The Body Mystical.

The Mystery of Mysteries:
From east to west the world shall turn,
And stay its busy feet to learn
  The musical vibration;
While Saints and Angels high shall raise,
In one vast choir, the hymn to praise
  The Feast of our Salvation.

Recolamus Sacram Cœnam.

CHRIST sits at His own Board;
  The brethren twelve receive
The Gift of gladness; O my heart,
  Call up the solemn eve.

He is our Maker, He
  Died on the Cross for us;
Oh, let us keep the memory
  Of His Last Supper thus:

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He was about to leave
  The world, and pass away
Unto the FATHER, when He gave
  What He will give this day.

He ate the Paschal lamb,
  He kept unto the last
The law He issued. While He ate,
  That law's stern letter passed.

Into His sacred hands
  He took the Holy Bread;
He brake; He blessed each fragment; then
  Unto His brethren said:

Now take and eat ye This;
  This is MY BODY given;
This is the LIFE laid down for you;
  This the New Law of Heaven.

And drink ye of this CUP;
  Oft as ye drink of Me
I will ye do this I have done
  Unto My Memory.

He spake; before them all
  Still Perfect MAN He stood,
Though what He ate and drank He named
  His Very FLESH and BLOOD.

He gave unto the Twelve
  That which should feel the Cross;
They ate and drank the Giver; He
  Nor suffered change nor loss.

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And ever since that day
(Who may the wonder tell?)
The faithful eat of CHRIST, yet He
Abides unchangeable.

Whoever eats and drinks
Aright, shall perish never;
Whoever eats and drinks amiss,
Shall dwell in death for ever.

So let him cleanse his soul
Who wills what JESUS saith,
A blessed and an awful thing
Set unto life or death.

O Living BREAD, O Life,
O Holy JESUS CHRIST,
Who art the same in Heaven though Thou
On earth art sacrificed;

Who in this lower world
Dost feed the pure in heart,
Oh, grant us at the last to be
In glory, where Thou art.

Forth from the dark and stormy sky.

FORTH from the dark and stormy sky,
LORD, to Thine Altar shade we fly;
Forth from the world, its hope and fear,
SAVIOUR, we seek Thy shelter here;
Weary and weak, Thy Grace we pray;
Turn not, O LORD, Thy guests away.

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Long have we roamed in want and pain,
Long have we sought Thy rest in vain;
Wildered in doubt, in darkness lost,
Long have our souls been tempest-tost;
Low at Thy Feet our sins we lay;
Turn not, O LORD, Thy guests away.

O Jesu, it was surely sweet.

O JESU, it was surely sweet
To sit and listen at Thy Feet,
With those who in Thy Life drew near,
Thy Words of Love and Grace to hear.

And sweet it was to walk with Thee,
Beside the Lake of Galilee;
Or, safe embarked in Peter's Boat,
O'er its blue waves with Thee to float.

But sweeter far it is to pray
Before Thine Altar-throne to-day,
For there the atoning Sacrifice,
JESUS, the World's Redeemer, lies.

Hail! JESUS, hail! my Dearest LORD,
By Seraph-choirs in Heaven adored;
Hail! JESUS, Who art hidden thus
On this poor earth for love of us.

O Jesu Christ, remember.

O JESU CHRIST, remember,
When Thou shalt come again
Upon the clouds of Heaven,
With all Thy shining train;

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When every eye shall see Thee
In DEITY revealed,
Who now upon this Altar
In silence art concealed;

Remember then, O SAVIOUR,
I supplicate of Thee,
That here I bowed before Thee
Upon my bended knee;

That here I owned Thy presence
And did not Thee deny,
And glorified Thy greatness,
Though hid from human eye.

Accept, divine Redeemer,
The homage of my praise;
Be Thou the Light, and Honour,
And Glory of my days;

Be Thou my Consolation
When death is drawing nigh;
Be Thou my only Treasure
Through all eternity.

One holds me fast.

ONE holds me fast: taken in His pure embrace
I rest in peace;
Flows on my weary heart His softening grace
And troubles cease.

Though cold the storm, and fierce the blasting wind,
I do not fear,

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For in His Breast a covert safe I find;
No storm comes there.

He shields me tenderly, my Spouse, my Love,
He guides me on
To mansions fair, prepared for me above,
Where He has gone.

He feeds me, lest I faint, or fall, or die,
With food from Heaven:
He, His Own Self, in wondrous Mystery
To me has given.

He draws me to Himself, I needs must go,
I cannot stay:
No earthly tie must bind me here below;
But far away,

Where, 'mid the countless throngs of Angels bright
And Spirits blest
He reigns, my God and King, my sole Delight,
I long to rest.

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Devotions before and after Consecration

DIRECTION OF INTENTION

Sunday

O LORD JESU CHRIST, GOD of GOD, Light of Light, Very GOD of Very GOD, to the praise and glory of Thy supreme Majesty; in remembrance of Thy most holy Life, Passion, and Death; in thanksgiving for all Thy gifts and graces bestowed on me Thy unworthy servant, and upon Thy whole Church; for the pardon of my numberless sins; for my salvation, and that of my relations, temporal and spiritual, my friends and benefactors, my enemies, my neighbours and acquaintance, my pastors and spiritual adviser, and all that have recommended themselves to my prayers, or for whom I am bound to pray; for the repose of the faithful departed; for the wellbeing of my soul and body; for the direction of my senses and feelings, my counsels and thoughts, my words and works; and for Thy One, Holy, Catholic, and

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Apostolic Church, I join in offering up this unbloody Sacrifice of Thy most Holy BODY and Thy All-saving BLOOD, to Thy Eternal FATHER, GOD Almighty. And I pray Thee also, LORD JESU, for Thy Holy Church, and for each member of it; that every one may know Thee; that all may worship, honour, and reverence Thee; that all may love Thee, and be beloved by Thee: and especially I pray for all sinners, that Thou, LORD, mayest be pleased to convert them; that Thou mayest call to the true Faith all heretics and schismatics; that Thou mayest enlighten the infidels and heathen who know Thee not; and that those who err, or are deceived, Thou mayest restore and bring into the right way. Of a truth, O LORD, in Thee alone is all that can satisfy these the desires of my heart, and the humble intention of this my preparation. For whom have I in heaven but Thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of Thee. Wilt not Thou Thyself be my Portion, and my exceeding great Reward?

Monday

IN union with that Divine intention, O LORD JESU CHRIST, with which Thou didst offer the Sacrifice of Thy BODY and BLOOD to GOD, the FATHER, in the Last Supper, and on the Altar of the Cross, I join in offering unto Him this same Sacrifice: may It be well pleasing to Him, O Good JESU, in Thee; and by Thee, may He be merciful

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unto us, unto eternal life. I beseech Thee, O LORD JESU CHRIST, for all those for whom I am bound to pray, to whom I am united, or who are united to me by relationship, kindred, or friendship; for those who are intrusted to me, in devotion, or for almsgiving; for those who pray for me; for those to whom I am a debtor; for those who have commended themselves to my prayers; for all Christian people; for my Diocese; for all Bishops of the Holy Catholic Church; for all Priests, that Thou mayest make them persevere, humbly, faithfully, and devotedly in Thy holy service; and for all faithful Christians both quick and dead; that in whatever affliction or trouble they may be placed, Thou mayest have pity, and mayest grant succour to the afflicted.

Tuesday

I, COMING to the Table of Thy holy Feast, O Merciful LORD CHRIST, do, with all the affections of my heart, and a pure and single intention, join in offering to the praise and glory of the eternal Majesty of Thy Heavenly FATHER, and in commemoration of Thy most holy Incarnation, Life, Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension, that most costly Sacrifice of Thy Sacred BODY and Thy All-saving BLOOD, which Thyself didst offer to GOD, the FATHER Almighty, once for all, upon the Altar of the Cross. I offer It, O my GOD, in thanksgiving for all the gifts and blessings hitherto

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bestowed, or hereafter to be bestowed, on all the company of the faithful, and on me, though most unworthy; in propitiation for my sins, and for the sins of the whole world; for the salvation of the living, and the blissful repose of the departed. And I would, LORD JESU, that I could join in celebrating this so mighty Work of love, with all the affection, fervour, devotion, and longing of Thy true friends; whether now reigning with Thee in Heaven, or still militant here on earth.

Wednesday

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, I, Thine unworthy servant, intend, with the greatest possible feelings of love, reverence, and devotion, to join in offering to the divine Majesty of Thy Co-eternal, and Co-equal FATHER, to Whom alone It is due, the most holy Eucharistic Sacrifice; and I humbly propose to offer It, in union with all sacrifices pleasing unto Him, which are typical of the most Precious BLOOD of His Dear SON; together with the prayers and praises of Thy whole Church; in union with the Sacrifice which Thou didst institute at the Last Supper, and didst consummate on the shameful, though most glorious, Cross, being Thyself both Priest and Victim; in the name of Thy spotless Bride, the Church; out of love to Thee, and longing for Thy goodwill, always, and in all things, to be perfected. I join in offering It, in protestation of Thy supreme and uncreated excel-

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lence, of Thy dominion over all creatures, and of our subjection to, and dependence upon Thee; in thanksgiving for all benefits ever conferred, or to be conferred upon all creatures; in full reparation for every injury done, or to be done against Thee; in service of worship due to Thee alone; and also for the increase of the joy of Thy sacred and sinless Humanity, in memory of Thy Death and Passion. I join in offering It also, in thanksgiving for all the benefits and blessings bestowed on me; in satisfaction for my sins, for which I am heartily sorry; on account of the offences and injuries which I have done to Thee; and in behalf of all present and future needs of soul and body. I join in offering It lastly, in behalf of quick and dead, for whom Thou knowest and willest I should offer this Sacrifice: for my parents, my relations, spiritual and temporal, my friends, and benefactors; for every estate in Thy Holy Catholic Church; for the union of Christian princes; for the rooting out of heresy and schism, of infidelity and godlessness; for the conversion of all heathen nations; and for the sanctification, preservation, and increase of the three orders of the Ministry, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. Look on Thy unworthy servant, whom Thou willest to join in offering this Sacrifice, in Thy presence, for the quick and dead; that to the departed Thou mayest grant rest, and to the living, pardon and grace, to serve Thee faithfully, and to persevere in Thy love unto the end.

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Thursday

O MOST gracious and merciful High Priest JESUS CHRIST, our LORD and our GOD, Who didst anticipate the Sacrifice of Thy adorable Passion by the institution of the august and venerable Sacrifice of the Altar, wherein Thou art, in a wonderful manner, both Priest and Victim; I, Thy sinful servant, presume to draw nigh unto GOD the FATHER Almighty, that, through Thee, I may join in offering unto Him the Eucharistic Sacrifice of Thy BODY and BLOOD, with the intention that Thou grant unto me, and to all Thy faithful members, all the gifts and graces of the most Holy Communion. Grant unto me, therefore, O Merciful GOD, Thy heavenly grace in this adorable Sacrifice, that I may ardently desire such things as are pleasing unto Thee, and may carefully accomplish them to the praise and glory of Thy holy Name. Grant me, O LORD my GOD, that I may not fall either in prosperity or in adversity; that in the former I may not be too much puffed up, nor in the latter, too much dejected; that I may rejoice and grieve at nothing, but what leadeth unto Thee, or draweth away from Thee: that I may seek to please none, nor fear to displease any, but only Thee. Let all transitory things, O LORD, become vile unto me; and let all that is pleasing to Thee be, for Thy sake, most grateful unto me. Let that joy be most tedious unto me, which is without Thee; and let me desire nothing out of, or beyond Thee. Let

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that labour delight me, O my God, which is for Thee; and let all be unpleasing to me, which is without Thee. Make me, Blessed Jesu, obedient, without contradiction; poor, without murmuring; chaste, without corruption; patient, without repining; humble, without baseness; merciful, without dissoluteness; sad, without dejection; quick, without levity; fearful, without despair; true, without doubtfulness; useful, without presumption; generous, without indiscretion; edifying, without dissimulation. Grant me, I also pray Thee, by Thy Grace, an understanding, knowing Thee; a diligence, seeking Thee; a wisdom, that may find Thee out; a conversation, pleasing unto Thee; a perseverance, faithfully expecting Thee; and, finally, a confidence embracing Thee, that I may be pierced with Thy pain, through penitence; that I may make use of Thy benefits, to Thy greater glory and my own soul's good; and that at length, by Thy Grace, I may enjoy the fulness of the Beatific Vision, praising and magnifying Thee for ever and for ever, for all eternity.

Friday

TO the praise and glory of the most Holy Trinity; in memory of the Life, Passion, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in union with His works and merits; in commemoration of all Saints, and holy men and women; together with the prayers and praises of all the faithful, I join in offering up this Holy Sacrifice in union

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with all other sacrifices, offices, prayers, and good works of all the world, for my necessities, present and future, of body and soul; for my life and consolation; for the remission of all my sins, for which I intend, strive, and desire to have true contrition; for the salvation also of my parents, relations, friends, enemies, benefactors, whether spiritual or temporal, of those to whom I have been a hinderance, scandal, or occasion of sin; for every order in the Holy Catholic Church, and for her preservation, increase, and exaltation; for the union of Christian princes, the rooting out of heresy, the conversion of all unbelievers, and the repose of the faithful departed; for all intrusted and committed to me; and lastly, for all, either quick or dead, for whom our LORD JESUS CHRIST knows and wills that I ought to offer up this All-holy Sacrifice, according to the Intention of the Catholic Church; in the Name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST.

Saturday

I PRAY Thee, O LORD JESU CHRIST, the only true Priest, that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to offer unto Thy Heavenly FATHER, the FATHER of all Mercies, and the GOD of all Consolation, by the hands of Thy servant the Priest, this most Holy Sacrifice of Thy true BODY, and Thy very BLOOD, as an Offering acceptable unto Him, for the satisfaction and remission of all my sins; for the salvation and sanctification of my soul, and of the souls

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of all those to whom I am in any way bound; for the pastors of Thy flock, that Thou mayest deign to bestow upon them Thy HOLY SPIRIT for the guidance of their souls, and for the wise direction of all Christian people; for the souls of all sinners in this world, that Thou mayest convert them, and lead them into the way of salvation; for the consolation of all that are in trouble, that Thou mayest give them help and true patience; for the refreshment and repose of the faithful dead, that their condition may be improved, that they may have a happy resurrection, and a good and merciful trial at the day of judgment, and that it may please Thee, of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy Kingdom, that we, with them, and the faithful living, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thine everlasting Kingdom; and finally, for the enlightening and conversion of all infidel nations, heretics, and schismatics, that they may know and love Thee the highest Truth, O LORD CHRIST, Who with the Eternal FATHER, and the Blessed SPIRIT, art GOD, to be praised and blessed for ever. Therefore, O Co-equal and Co-eternal SON, I beseech Thee to offer unto the FATHER this holy and unbloody Sacrifice, in which, by renewing the memory of the Institution of the most holy and venerable Sacrament of the Eucharist, Thou dost represent unto Him Thy priceless Passion, and Thy most precious Death. And grant, Gracious LORD, that in assisting at this awful act of our most holy Religion, my

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heart may be filled with living faith, and adoring love; that so, I may be made a partaker of these Heavenly blessings which Thy Church invites me to share; and that uniting myself with the intention of the Priest, I may pray, praise and magnify Thy Divine mercy, now and evermore.

INVOCATION OF GOD THE HOLY GHOST

Sunday

WE pray and beseech Thee, O LORD GOD, Thou Lover of men, to send down from Heaven, Thy holy habitation, the Very PARACLETE, the SPIRIT of Truth, the Holy, the LORD and Giver of Life; Who spake in the Law, by the Prophets, and with the Apostles; Who is everywhere present, and filleth all things; Who works of His own free-will, and not as a minister, according to Thy good pleasure, in those in whom He wills, sanctification; Who is also one in His Nature; manifold in His Works; the fount of Divine grace; consubstantial with Thee; proceeding from the FATHER and the SON; sharer with Thee and Thy Only-begotten SON in the Throne of Thy Kingdom. Send down then we beseech Thee, O LORD, on us, on this Bread, and on this Cup, Thy HOLY GHOST, that He may sanctify them as GOD Almighty; and may make this Bread the BODY and this Cup the BLOOD of the New Testament, of our very LORD, and GOD, and SAVIOUR, and King, JESUS CHRIST.

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Monday

WE, Thine unworthy servants, pray Thee, O LORD our GOD, and we adore Thee, according to the good pleasure of Thy goodness, that Thy HOLY GHOST may come upon us, and upon these offered Gifts, and may make them Holies of Thy Holies; and may make this Bread the Holy BODY of our Very LORD GOD, and SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, which is given for remission of sins, and eternal life to him that shall receive it; and this Cup the precious BLOOD of Thy New Testament of our Very LORD GOD, and SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, which is given for remission of sins, and eternal life to him that shall partake thereof. We also pray, O LORD, that we may be worthy to communicate with Thy Saints, for the sanctification of our bodies, souls, and spirits, that we may be one body and one spirit, and may obtain a lot and a portion with all Thy Saints, who have been pleasing unto Thee, from the beginning of the world.

Tuesday

HAVE mercy upon us, O GOD, according to Thy great goodness, and send upon us, and upon these Gifts, Thy Most HOLY GHOST, the LORD and Giver of Life; sharer of the Throne of the Kingdom with Thee, GOD and FATHER, and Thine Only-begotten SON, Consubstantial and Coeternal; Who spake in the law and the prophets,

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and Thy New Testament; Who descended in the form of a DOVE on our LORD JESUS CHRIST in the river Jordan, and rested on Him; Who descended upon Thy Holy Apostles in the likeness of Fiery TONGUES, in the Upper Room of the holy and glorious Sion, on the Day of Pentecost. Send down the same Most HOLY GHOST, O LORD, upon us, and upon these holy Gifts, that coming upon them with His holy, good, and glorious Presence, He may hallow and make this Bread the Holy BODY of Thy CHRIST, and this Cup the Precious BLOOD of Thy CHRIST: that They may be to those that partake of Them for remission of sins, and for eternal life; for sanctification of souls and bodies; for bringing forth of good works; and for the confirmation of Thy Holy Catholic Church, that the gates of Hell may not prevail against it, but that it may be preserved blameless unto the consummation of all things.

Wednesday

WE pray Thy clemency, O LORD, that, on the Bread and Wine to be offered unto Thee may descend the fulness of Thy Blessing, and the sanctification of Thy Divinity. May there descend, also, the invisible and incomprehensible Majesty of Thy HOLY SPIRIT, as It descended of old on the sacrifices of the fathers, which may make our Oblations Thy BODY and BLOOD. Do Thou also, LORD JESU, teach me, unworthy, to receive this great Sacrament with purity of heart and devotion

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of mind, with reverence and awe; and mayest Thou graciously and favourably accept this holy Sacrifice for the salvation of all, both the quick and the dead.

Thursday

WE offer unto Thee, O God, this reasonable and unbloody Sacrifice, and beseech Thee, and pray, and supplicate, send down Thy Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these offered Gifts. O Lord, Who didst send down Thy Holy Ghost, at the third hour, on the Apostles, take Him not from us, O God, but renew Him in us who pray to Thee. Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me; cast me not away from Thy Presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Blessed art Thou, Christ our God, Who didst fill the holy Apostles with all manner of wisdom, sending down upon them the Holy Ghost; and by them hast brought the whole world unto Thyself, O Lord, Thou Lover of men. When the Highest came down, and confounded the tongues, He divided the nations; when He distributed the Tongues of fire, He called all nations to unity. With one voice therefore we praise Thee, O Holy Ghost, and we pray Thee, O Father, to send down Thy Holy Spirit, and make this Bread the Precious Body of Thy Christ, and That which is in this Cup the Precious Blood of Thy Christ; so that They may be to those that partake, for purification of soul, forgiveness of sins, communion

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of the HOLY GHOST, fulfilment of the Kingdom of Heaven, and not to judgment nor to condemnation.

Friday

WE pray Thee, we supplicate Thee, we beseech Thee, O LORD GOD, Heavenly King, GOD the FATHER Almighty, that Thy adorable Divinity may accept us of Thy clemency; and that the grace of the HOLY GHOST may come upon us, and upon this Oblation, O LORD, and may dwell and brood over this Bread and this Cup, in the Name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST; that this Bread, by the virtue of Thy Name, may become the Holy BODY of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and this Cup, the BLOOD of our LORD JESUS CHRIST; that whoever with true faith shall eat of this BREAD, and drink of this CUP, they may be to him, O LORD, for the forgiveness of transgressions, and the remission of sins, a glorious hope of resurrection from the dead, the salvation of soul and body, and a new life in the kingdom of Heaven. Make us therefore, O GOD, worthy, by the grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, that with all those who have been pleasing unto Thy will, and have led a new life according to Thy commandments, we may rejoice in the kingdom of Heaven, enjoying eternal bliss; and that we may both here and hereafter praise, adore, and laud FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST, now and ever, and to all ages.

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Saturday

WE worship Thee, we pray Thee, we beseech Thee, O God, that Thou wouldst send down upon us, and upon this Offering which is before Thee, Thy Holy, Consubstantial Spirit. Bless this Bread, we beseech Thee, so as to make It truly the Body of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Bless That which is in this Cup, so as to make It truly the Blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Send down then, O Lord, Thy Holy Spirit, and let Him rest upon this Oblation of Thy servants; and sanctify It, that It may be to us, Good Lord, who partake Thereof, not for condemnation, but for the cleansing of our sins, for the payment of our debts, and the remission of our sins, and the glorious hope of resurrection from the dead, and a new life in the Heavenly kingdom, with all who have been pleasing unto Thee.

ACTS OF ADORATION

Sunday

Ave! Caro Christi Cara.

Hail! Flesh of Christ, Beloved Oblation,
Sacrifice for our Salvation,
  On the Cross a Victim slain.
Oh, by that, Thy Death of sadness,
Raise us decked in light and gladness,
  With Thee glorified to reign.

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Hail! WORD Incarnate, Which Divinest,
Hallowed on the Altar shinest;

BREAD of Angels Ever-living,
Health and Hope to mortals giving,
Antidote, all guilt relieving.

Hail! Thou BODY of CHRIST JESUS,
Heaven-descended to release us,
Thy redeemed, from ruin buying
On the Cross, when nailed and dying.

Monday

Christi Corpus, Ave!

Hail! FLESH of CHRIST, of Holy Virgin born,
Hail! Undivided DEITY,
The Way, the Life, the Health of man forlorn,
Set us from all ill free.

Hail! BLOOD of CHRIST, most Holy DRINK of Heaven,
Mighty to wash away all stain,
Hail! BLOOD Which flowed forth when the Side was riven
Upon the Cross of pain.

Tuesday

Christi Corpus, Ave!

Hail! CHRIST'S BODY, True and Real,
Of the Virgin Mary born,

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Truly suffering, truly offered
  On the Cross and hill of scorn.

Hail! for man's Salvation pierced,
  Gaping Wounds, and riven Side,
Whence outflowed with Love unstinting,
  BLOOD and WATER, mingled Tide.

Now upon that BODY feed we,
  And of that Sweet FOUNTAIN drink,
Lest when death relentless seize us,
  'Neath the Judge's search we sink.

Wednesday

Ave! Verbum Incarnatum.

O Holy FLESH of JESUS CHRIST
  Upon the Altar lying,
Last Gift of the Incarnate WORD
  Before His precious Dying;
O Living BREAD of Angels bright,
  Who wroughtst Redemption's story;
O Hope of each one named from Thee,
  We give Thee thanks and glory.

Thursday

Ave! Caro Christi.

Hail! O FLESH of CHRIST, the Victim
  On the Altar of the Cross
Offered to the FATHER'S Justice,
  Suffering to redeem our loss.

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By Thy bitter Death redeemed,
  May we all Thy brightness see;
Grant us glorious fruition
  Of eternal Joy with Thee.
Hail! Thou WORD of GOD Incarnate,
  On Thine Altar Thee we seek,
Thee the Loving BREAD of Angels,
  Health and Hope to sick and weak.

Friday

Ave! Caro Christi.

Holy FLESH of CHRIST our King,
Thee Adorable we sing;
In the New Law's happy vale,
Pasture of the true Flock, hail!

Pure and spotless be the breast
Where Thou comest as the Guest;
Let the faithful hourly say,
Thee we worship, Thee we pray.

Thee, the Church, Thy mystic Wife,
Worships as the BREAD of LIFE;
Ransom, Guide, Redemption free,
Now our Satisfaction be.

We the sinners need Thy Balm,
We the mourners seek Thy calm;
Bring us out of life's lone road,
Into Glory, unto GOD.

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Saturday

Ave! Panis Immortalis.

Hail! BREAD Immortal. Hail! Sweet FOOD,
Sweet unto those Thou feedest thus.
Hail! Everlasting LAMB, Whose BLOOD
Is our Salvation. Come to us;
We thirst; we tremble; we implore
Thy Grace. Oh, feed us evermore.

OBLATION TO GOD THE FATHER

Sunday

WHEREFORE, O LORD, we Thy servants, together with Thy holy people, calling to mind the blessed Passion of the same CHRIST, Thy SON, our LORD, His Resurrection from the dead, and also His glorious Ascension into Heaven, offer unto Thy most excellent Majesty, of Thine own gifts bestowed upon us, a Pure VICTIM, a Holy VICTIM, an Unspotted VICTIM, the holy Bread of Eternal Life, and the Chalice of Everlasting Salvation. Upon which do Thou vouchsafe to look with propitious and gracious countenance, and to accept them as Thou wast pleased to accept the offering of Thy servant, righteous Abel, the sacrifice of our patriarch Abraham, and that which Thy High Priest Melchisedec offered unto Thee, a holy sacrifice, and spotless victim. We most humbly beseech Thee, Almighty GOD, command that these Obla-

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tions be borne, by the hands of Thy holy Angel, to Thy Altar on high in the sight of Thy divine Majesty; that as many of us as, by this partaking of the Altar, shall receive the most Sacred BODY and BLOOD of Thy SON, may be filled with all heavenly benediction and grace. Through the same, CHRIST our LORD, by Whom, O LORD, Thou dost always create, sanctify, quicken, bless, and give unto us all these good things: for through Him, and with Him, and in Him is to Thee, GOD the FATHER Almighty, in the Unity of the HOLY GHOST, all honour and glory, world without end. We therefore, taught by His saving precepts and following His divine institution, presume to say, Our FATHER.

Monday

O LORD our Heavenly FATHER, Almighty and Everlasting GOD, we, sinners, presume to come before Thee, remembering the life-giving Passion of Thy dear SON, His atoning Cross, His Death and Resurrection from the dead on the third day; His Ascension into Heaven, and His Session at the right hand of Thee His GOD and FATHER; and His glorious and terrible Coming again, when He shall return with glory to judge both quick and dead, and to render to every man according to his works: we, sinners, offer to Thee, O LORD, this tremendous and unbloody Sacrifice, beseeching Thee, that Thou wouldest not deal with us after our sins, nor reward us according to our wickednesses; but

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that according to Thy lovingkindness, passing by and blotting out the handwriting that is against us, Thy suppliants, Thou wouldest grant unto us, Thy heavenly and eternal Gifts, which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man to conceive, even the things which Thou, O God, hast prepared for them that love Thee. Set not at nought, then, Thy people, O Lord, Thou Lord and Lover of souls, for me, not for my sin's sake; for Thy people, O Lord, Thy people, Thy people beseech Thee to have mercy upon them. And grant us, Lord and Lover of men, with a pure heart and broken spirit, to call upon Thee, our Holy God, and to say, Our Father.

Tuesday and Thursday

O ALMIGHTY Lord and Master, Thou King of Heaven, we, bringing to Thy remembrance the death and passion of Thine Only-begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and confessing His blessed Resurrection from the dead on the third day, confess also, in Thy presence, His glorious Ascension into Heaven, and His Session at Thy Right Hand; and we look for His second and fearful Coming again, when He shall come to judge the quick and the dead in righteousness, and to render to every man according to his works. O Lord our God, we offer unto Thee Thine own, of Thine own gifts, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. And we offer them, O Lord God, that they may be to all of us who participate in them,

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for faith; for sanctification; for healing; for temperance, soberness and chastity; for renewal of body, soul, and spirit; for inheritance in the blessedness of eternal life; for the glory of Thy holy Name; and for the remission of sins; that Thy Divine majesty here and everywhere, may be hallowed, praised and sanctified, together with Thy Blessed SON and GOD the HOLY GHOST. And make us worthy, O LORD and Lover of men, with boldness, without condemnation, with a pure heart, with an enlightened soul, with a countenance that needeth not to be ashamed, and with hallowed lips to call upon Thee, our Holy GOD, and to say, Our FATHER.

Wednesday and Friday

O HEAVENLY FATHER, Who didst deliver up Thy SON to death, as a debtor for our debts, we beseech Thee for the sake of His BLOOD, which has been shed, to have mercy on Thy flock; for Thine Only-begotten SON, the Lover of men, commanded us to do this in remembrance of Him. We now, therefore, O LORD, in obedience to this commandment, celebrating the healthful Mystery of the BODY and BLOOD of JESUS CHRIST, commemorate His sufferings for our sakes; His Crucifixion, which He underwent while alive; His three days Burial; His blessed Resurrection; His glorious Ascension, as GOD, Who sitteth, O FATHER, at Thy Right Hand, and Whom we confess and bless in His awful coming again. In behalf then, O LORD

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God of all, and for all, we offer Thee Thine own of Thine own. And in truth, O Lord our God, we give thanks unto Thee for ever, for Thou hast not despised our unworthiness for this awful and unspeakable Mystery, but hast allowed us to approach unto It, not for any good works which we have done, for in them have we been wanting; but trusting in Thy great mercy, we venture to draw near unto the Body and Blood of Thy Son our Lord and Deliverer, to Whom belong glory, dominion, and honour, now, and for ever, and world without end. Hear us, O Lord, when as our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say, Our Father.

Saturday

O LORD God of Might, receive this Oblation on behalf of Thy Holy Catholic Church; for as we are commanded, we, Thy humble servants, are assembled together, that by the help of Thy grace, we may celebrate the great, tremendous, holy, and divine Mystery, by which a mighty salvation has been wrought for the whole human race, by Thy Well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We therefore adore Thee, O Lord, and give thanks unto Thee, that, although unworthy by our sins, Thou hast allowed us to approach unto Thee through Thy great mercy. We confess and give Thee thanks for Thy many mercies; and we offer before Thy divine Majesty, with a contrite heart, and in the spirit of humility, this lively and holy

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Sacrifice, which is the mystery of the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world; praying and beseeching Thy adorable Divinity, of Thy mercy, to receive this pure and holy Oblation, by which Thou art appeased and reconciled for the sins of the world. And now, O Lord, we offer this oblation before Thy great and holy Name, to the praise, honour, worship, and adoration of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, since for us men, and for our salvation, the Son of God, God the Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, became the Mediator between God and man, and the Giver of Life to all ages; and we pray Thee, we supplicate Thee, we beseech Thee, O Heavenly Father, to accept us of Thy clemency. And therefore we pray unto Thee, saying, Our Father.

ACTS OF REPARATION

FOR THE LIVING

Sunday

I ADORE Thee, O Hidden Deity, and acknowledge Thee to be worthy of all Honour; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all the acts of wickedness committed in Thy Presence, the adorations which Thy Blessed Mother ever paid Thee; and I pray Thee to grant me Grace to be able to say and sing with her throughout Eternity:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

I adore Thee, O Sacred Humanity, and acknow-

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ledge Thee to be worthy of all Love; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all the irreverences committed before Thee, the reverence of the Angels and Archangels, with whom I hope to say and sing:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

I adore Thee, O most Sweet SAVIOUR, and acknowledge Thee to be Eternal; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all the blasphemies uttered against Thee, the praises of the Principalities, with whom I hope to say and sing:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

I adore Thee, O Sovereign LORD of the world, and acknowledge Thee to be Supreme; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all the acts of indevotion committed against Thee, the love of the Dominations, with whom I hope to say and sing:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

Monday

I ADORE Thee, O true King of my heart, and acknowledge Thee to be the only King of all the world; and I offer Thee, in reparation for the sins committed against Thee, the zeal of the Thrones, with whom I hope to say and sing:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

I adore Thee, O watchful Shepherd of my soul, and acknowledge Thee to be infinitely Good; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all those guilty ignorances which offend Thee, the devotion of the Cherubim, with whom I hope to say and sing:

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Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

I adore Thee, only Spouse of my soul, and acknowledge Thee to be Faithful for ever; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all acts of lukewarmness committed in Thy service, the fervour of the Seraphim, with whom I hope to say and sing:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

Tuesday

I ADORE Thee, O most sincere and loving Friend, and acknowledge Thee to be alone Immortal and Unchangeable; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all the acts of despair ever conceived before Thee, the truthfulness of the holy Patriarchs, with whom I hope to say and sing:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

I adore Thee, O most loving FATHER, and acknowledge Thee to be the Origin of my being; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all want of Faith in Thee, the belief of the holy Apostles, with whom I hope to say and sing:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

I adore Thee, O most just Judge, and acknowledge Thee to be infinitely Merciful; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all the doubts of Thy Real Presence in the Ever-blessed Eucharist, the sure and certain Faith of the holy Evangelists, with whom I hope to say and sing:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

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I adore Thee, O loving Pastor of my soul, and acknowledge Thee to be infinitely Wise; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all acts of revenge imagined before Thee, the patience of the holy Martyrs, with whom I hope to say and sing:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

Wednesday

I ADORE Thee, O most favourable Advocate, and acknowledge Thee to be infinitely Powerful; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all acts of negligence committed before Thee, the earnest care for souls of all holy Bishops, with whom I hope to say and sing:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

I adore Thee, O most sacred Victim, and acknowledge Thee to be the Fountain of all Grace and Blessing which has flowed into our souls; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all acts of injustice committed in Thy Presence, the alms and charities which holy Men have offered, with whom I hope to say and sing:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

I adore Thee, O my LORD and Master, and acknowledge Thee to be infinite in Wisdom and Goodness; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all scandals committed before Thee, the zeal of all holy Preachers, with whom I hope to say and sing:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

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Thursday

I ADORE Thee, O Thou true Author and Preserver of my life, and acknowledge Thee to be infinitely Glorious; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all sacrileges committed before Thee, the constancy of the holy Confessors, with whom I hope to say and sing:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

I adore Thee, O true Eucharistic BREAD, and acknowledge Thee to be Sweeter than all sweetness of earth; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all the profanities that have been uttered against Thee, those blessed words which the holy Doctors of the Church have spoken to Thy great Glory, with whom I hope to sing and say:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

I adore Thee, O Heavenly and Divine FOOD, and acknowledge Thee to be more Satisfying than all the pleasant things of earth; and I offer Thee, in reparation for the excesses committed before Thee, the self-denial of the holy Ascetics of old, with whom I hope to sing and say:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

I adore Thee, O Divine Guest of my soul, and acknowledge Thee to be most Bountiful; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all the indevotion of Thy Priests, the profound homage which the holy Saints have ever paid Thee, with whom I hope to say and sing:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

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Friday

I ADORE Thee, O Sovereign Antidote of sin, and acknowledge Thee to be All-powerful to take away sin; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all the distractions which have ever been indulged in Thy Presence, the devout contemplation of the holy Hermits, with whom I hope to say and sing:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

I adore Thee, O most Holy and Everlasting Priest, and acknowledge Thee to be worthy of all the Praises of man; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all the insults offered to Thy very Presence, the loving meditation of Thy holy Virgins, with whom I hope to say and sing:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

I adore Thee, O Divine Priest and Victim of the Sacrifice, and acknowledge Thee to be more worthy of Reverence than all those who offered up sacrifices in days of old; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all irreverent acts committed during the Celebration of the Blessed Eucharist, the acts of love and devotion of all holy Widows, with whom I hope to say and sing:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday

I ADORE Thee, O Eternal Fire, and acknowledge Thee to be capable of kindling the hearts of men with the holy Fire of Thy Love; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all acts of im-

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purity committed before Thee, the purity of all holy Women, with whom I hope to say and sing:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

I adore Thee, O my God, and my most dear Redeemer, and acknowledge Thee to be the Saviour of the World; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all evil thoughts conceived before Thee, the constant thoughts of Thee which Thou hast inspired in all holy Men, with whom I hope to say and sing:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

I adore Thee, O Divine and Hidden Word, and acknowledge Thee alone worthy to be the Object of my love; and I offer Thee, in reparation for all acts of ingratitude committed against Thee, the thanksgivings which the Ever-Virgin Mother rendered unto Thee, with whom I hope to say and sing:

Praised for ever be the Blessed Sacrament.

FOR THE DEAD

Sunday

OUR Father, Which art in Heaven. I beseech Thee, O Thou Father of Compassion, vouchsafe to forgive the souls of the faithful departed, whereinsoever they have neither loved, nor worthily honoured Thee, their Adorable and most Beloved Father, Who of Thine own Grace didst adopt them to be Thy children. And in satisfaction for this their sin, I offer unto Thee that

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Love and Honour which Thy Beloved SON showed Thee upon earth, and that most abundant Satisfaction, which He hath made for all their sins.

Monday

HALLOWED be Thy Name. I beseech Thee, O Thou FATHER of Compassion, vouchsafe to forgive the souls of the faithful departed, whereinsoever they have not worthily honoured nor duly made mention of Thy holy Name, but have taken it in vain; and by their evil lives have rendered themselves unworthy of the name of Christians. And in satisfaction for these their sins, I offer unto Thee the spotless Purity of Thy Co-eternal SON, whereby He magnified Thy Name by His Teaching, and made it honourable by His Work.

Tuesday

THY Kingdom come. I beseech Thee, O Thou FATHER of Compassion, vouchsafe to forgive the souls of the faithful departed, whereinsoever they have not fervently longed, nor ardently striven after Thee and Thy Kingdom, in which alone is true rest and abiding glory. And in satisfaction for this and all their sloth in doing good, I offer unto Thee the most holy and longing Desires of Thy Divine SON, wherewith He desired to make them heirs, together with Him, of His everlasting Kingdom.

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Wednesday

THY Will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. I beseech Thee, O Thou FATHER of Compassion, vouchsafe to forgive the souls of the faithful departed, whereinsoever they have not preferred Thy holy Will above their own, nor have loved it in all things, but have too often lived and done according to their own will. And in satisfaction for this their disobedience, I offer unto Thee the union of the Adorable Heart of Thy Co-equal SON with Thy Will, and all that His most ready and loving Obedience, wherewith He was obedient unto Thee, even to the Death of the Cross.

Thursday

GIVE us this day our Daily BREAD. I beseech Thee, O Thou FATHER of Compassion, vouchsafe to forgive the souls of the faithful departed, whereinsoever they have not received the most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar with pure and perfect desire, devotion, and love; or have received it unworthily or seldom, or not at all. And in satisfaction for these their sins, I offer unto Thee the perfect Holiness and the Devotion of Thy Everlasting SON, together with that most ardent Love and ineffable Desire, wherewith He bestowed upon us this most inestimable Treasure.

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Friday

AND forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. I beseech Thee, O Thou FATHER of Compassion, vouchsafe to forgive the souls of the faithful departed, whereinsoever they have sinned against Thee, by any one of the seven deadly sins; and especially wherein they have not forgiven those who had trespassed against them, or have not loved their enemies. And in satisfaction for all these their sins, I offer unto Thee that most pitiful and tender Prayer, which Thy Merciful SON prayed to Thee for His enemies while hanging on the Cross.

Saturday

AND lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. I beseech Thee, O Thou FATHER of Compassion, vouchsafe to forgive the souls of the faithful departed, whereinsoever they have not resisted their sinful desires, and the sins to which they were especially tempted; but have again and again consented to the world, the flesh, and the devil, and entangled themselves by their own will in many grievous evils. And in satisfaction for all these their manifold sins, I offer unto Thee the glorious Victory, wherewith Thy Sinless SON overcame the world, the flesh, and the devil, together with all His most holy Life and Conversation, His

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Painfulness and Weariness, His most bitter Passion, and His most sacred Death. And I pray Thee, Good LORD, deliver us, and them, from every evil and every woe, through the Merits of Thy Well-beloved SON; and bring us into the Kingdom of Thy Grace and Glory, which is none other than unto Thine own most Glorious SELF.

DEVOTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

Sunday

Act of Intercession for the Living.

REMEMBER, I beseech Thee, O LORD, Thy One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, and give it peace; for Thou didst purchase it to Thyself, by the precious BLOOD of Thy dear SON. Remember, LORD, them that have offered unto Thee gifts of their substance; and forget not the things for which, and through which, and on account of which, they offered them. Remember them that bring forth fruit, and do good works in Thy holy Church, and consider the poor; reward them with Thy richest blessings; bestow on them things heavenly for earthly things, things eternal for things temporal, and incorruptible things for those that are corruptible. Remember them that live holy, religious, and devoted lives, in virginity or holy matrimony. Remember our Queen, and all faithful Kings and rulers, whom Thou hast counted

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worthy to reign over Thy people: crown them with the armour of truth; strengthen their hands; establish their kingdom; grant them that peace which the world cannot take away; and speak good things to their heart for Thy Church and all Thy people, that we may lead a peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. Remember, O LORD, Thy people, and this congregation here present, and them that are absent from reasonable causes. Fill our storehouses with plenty; preserve our marriages in peace and concord; nourish our infants, instruct our youth; console the aged, and comfort the feeble-minded; collect the scattered, bring back the wanderers, and unite them all in Thy holy Church. Relieve them that are troubled by unclean spirits; voyage with the voyagers, and travel with the travellers; defend the widow, and shield the orphan; deliver the prisoners, and heal the sick; comfort the comfortless, and relieve all suffering from accident, tribulation, or distress. Remember, also, O my GOD, those who love and those who hate us; and those who have desired us, unworthy, to remember them in our prayers. And remember, lastly, O LORD our GOD, all Thy people, and pour Thy mercy upon all, granting them all things needful for their salvation. And those, whom, through ignorance, or forgetfulness, or the number of their names, we have not remembered, do Thou Thyself remember, O GOD, Who knowest the needs and necessities of each one from his mother's womb; for Thou, LORD, art the Helper of the helpless, the Hope of the hopeless, the Safety of the tem-

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pest-tossed, the Harbour of the mariner, and the Physician of the sick.

Prayers for the Dead.

O LORD, Who raisest up the dead, and givest resurrection to them that lie in the grave, receive the souls of Thy servants, whose commemoration we make to-day, and place them in the blessed mansions of Thy FATHER'S House, with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob Thy beloved, and with all Thy faithful Saints and servants who have fallen asleep in Thy hope. Lift them up, we beseech Thee, and set them at Thy Right Hand, and let Thy mercies be poured upon us all, so that we may praise Thee, and render thanks to the HOLY TRINITY, now and for evermore.

KING of kings and LORD of lords, give rest to the souls of our fathers and brethren that have heretofore slept in the faith of CHRIST; remembering our ancestors and spiritual fathers, all holy and just persons, every spirit that has departed in the faith of CHRIST, and those whom today we keep in memory. And to the spirits of all these give rest; our Master, LORD and GOD, in the tabernacles of Thy Saints, vouchsafing them in Thy Kingdom the good things of Thy promise, which eye hath not seen, and ear hath not heard, and have not entered into the heart of man, the things which Thou hast prepared, O GOD, for them that love Thy holy Name. Grant rest to their souls, and vouchsafe them the Kingdom of Heaven:

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and to us grant that the end of our lives may be Christian, and well-pleasing to Thee, and without sin; and hereafter grant us to have a portion and a lot with all Thy Saints.

For a Bishop or Priest.

O GOD, Who hast caused Thy servant N., in Episcopal, or Priestly, dignity, to be accounted among the Priests apostolic: grant, we beseech Thee, that he may enjoy in Heaven the continual company of them whose office he did bear sometime here in earth.

Monday

Intercession for the Living.

WE pray Thee, O LORD, for Thy Holy Church, spread from one end of the world to the other, which Thou hast purchased with the Precious BLOOD of Thy CHRIST, that Thou wouldest keep it steadfast and immoveable unto the consummation of all things; and for every Bishop, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. Further, we call upon Thee for Thy servants, the Priests of Thy Church, who are now offering unto Thee this Holy Sacrifice, that Thou wouldest endue them with Wisdom, and fill them with the HOLY GHOST. Further, we call upon Thee for the Queen, and all in authority; that they may govern us in peace and quietness, and that we may glorify Thee through JESUS CHRIST. We further offer to Thee our

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prayers for this Thy people; that, for the Glory of Thy CHRIST, Thou wouldest make them a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a peculiar people; for virgins, that they may live chastely; for widows and orphans; for those that are dedicated unto Thee; for those that live in honourable marriage; and for the young; that none become castaway. Further, we pray for this parish, and diocese, and church, and all the inhabitants thereof; for the sick; for those in slavery, in banishment, or in prison; and for all that travel by land or by water; that Thou mayest be to all a Helper, Strengthener, and Supporter. We further beseech Thee, also, for all who hate and persecute us for Thy Name's sake; for those that are without the Fold of Thy Holy Church, and for all that wander in error within it, that Thou wouldest convert them to that which is good. We pray also for those not yet confirmed; for those that are possessed by, or under the influence of the devil; and for those of our brethren that repent them truly of their sins: that it may please Thee, to perfect the young, to deliver all from the power of the wicked one, and to grant unto us all penitence, true repentance, and the forgiveness of all our sins. Further, we offer unto Thee our prayers for seasonable weather, that we may enjoy plenty of the fruits of the earth; and that, receiving the abundance of Thy good things, we may continually praise Thee, Who givest food to all flesh. Further, we pray Thee for all those who are absent from this Holy Sacrifice upon a just cause. And lastly, we pray Thee, that Thou

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wouldest preserve us all in all godliness, and gather us together in the Kingdom of CHRIST, our King; and that Thou wouldest keep us steadfast, unblameable, and irreprovable: for to Thee is due all glory, praise, adoration, honour and thanksgiving, the One, Very and True GOD.

Prayers for the Dead.

O LORD, the GOD of all spirits and all flesh, remember them whom we commemorate, departed this life in the true Faith; grant rest to their bodies, souls, and spirits; deliver them from the endless damnation to come, and make them worthy of the gladness which is in the bosom of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, where Thou showest the light of Thy Countenance, whence grief, sorrow, and sighing are far removed, not imputing to them any of their sins. Enter not into judgment with Thy servants; for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified: but show Thy servants Thy work, and their children Thy glory; and the glorious Majesty of the LORD our GOD be upon us, even of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thine Only-begotten SON, through Whom we hope to obtain, for them and for ourselves, mercy and remission of sins.

WE commend unto Thy mercy, O LORD, Thy servants which are departed hence with the sign of faith, and now do rest in the sleep of peace. Grant unto them, we beseech Thee, Thy mercy and everlasting peace, and that at the day of the general

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resurrection, we and all they which be of the mystical Body of Thy SON, may together be set on His right hand, and hear that His most joyful voice: Come unto Me, O ye that be blessed of My FATHER, and possess the Kingdom which is prepared for you from the beginning of the world.

For Brothers and Sisters, Relatives and Benefactors.

O GOD, the Giver of pardon, and Author of man's salvation: we beseech Thy mercy, that Thou wouldest grant our brethren, sisters, relatives, and benefactors, who have passed away from this world, to come to the fellowship of everlasting blessedness.

Tuesday

Intercession for the Living.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, the FATHER of our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, we give Thee continual thanks for all Thy many mercies towards us; that Thou hast vouchsafed to protect, help, preserve, and bring us up as Thine own people, and hast had compassion upon us, and succoured us, and led us all our life long unto this hour. Wherefore, we pray and beseech Thee, of Thy Goodness, O Thou LORD and Lover of souls, to grant unto us that we may pass this day, and all the days of our life, in Thy peace and in Thy fear. Drive away far from us, and from all Thy people,

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and from this place, all envy, all temptation, all the craft of Satan, and all counsels of wicked men, and all the assaults of our open and secret foes; and order all things for us by Thy providence, as seemeth good and pleasing in Thy sight. Give us Grace, O LORD, to be meet partakers of Thy holy Mysteries, to the sanctification of our body, soul, and spirit, that we may be all of one heart and one mind, and be made meet to be partakers of the inheritance of all Thy Saints who have pleased Thee from the beginning. Remember, O LORD, for good, Thy One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, which Thou hast purchased with the most Precious BLOOD of Thy SON, JESUS CHRIST; and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life. Remember, O LORD, the holy Fathers, the Pastors of Thy Flock, all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, especially Thy servants, the Bishop of this diocese and the Priests of this parish; grant them in health and wealth long to live, and to rule over Thy Church in all godliness and honesty, rightly dividing the Word of truth, and feeding Thy flock in peace. Keep this parish, and the faithful who dwell therein, in peace and safety. Bless the air which we breathe, the sunshine and the rain, the seedtime and harvest; and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time we may enjoy them. Make glad, O LORD, and renew the face of the earth; water her furrows, and bless the increase of them; and let Thy clouds drop fatness. Crown the year with Thy goodness, to the use of the poor, the widow, the fatherless, and the stranger, and of

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all who hope in Thee and call upon Thy Name; for the eyes of all wait upon Thee, O LORD, and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Deal with us, O GOD, according to Thy goodness, Who givest food to all flesh. Fill our hearts with joy and gladness, that having all things always sufficient for our needs, we may abound in every good work, and live according to Thy blessed will; for Thou art He Who hast given us strength to overcome all the power of the enemy. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; through Thy grace and mercy, and the love towards men of Thy Only-begotten SON, our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST; to Whom, with Thee and the HOLY GHOST, be ascribed all honour, glory, and might, world without end.

Prayers for the Dead.

REMEMBER, O LORD, through Thy grace, them who are parted from us, and have passed to Thee; who have received Thy Precious BODY and BLOOD, and were sealed with Thy signet, from the first founding of Thy Holy Church unto this present day. For Thou art the Creator of souls and bodies, and they who have fallen asleep wait for Thee, and look for Thy quickening Life. Raise them up, O LORD, we most humbly beseech Thee, in that last day, and let Thy countenance be gracious unto them, and of Thy mercy pardon their sins and short-comings; and of Thy gracious goodness we pray Thee shortly to accomplish the number

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of Thine Elect, and to hasten Thy Kingdom, even the Kingdom of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thine Only-begotten SON, through Whom we hope to obtain mercy and remission of sins.

O GOD, Who, by the mouth of Thine Apostle S. Paul, hast taught us not to weep for them that sleep in CHRIST; grant, we beseech Thee, that in the coming of Thy SON, our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who shall come to judge the quick and the dead, both we, and all other faithful people being departed, may be graciously brought unto joy everlasting.

For a Child.

ALMIGHTY and most pitiful GOD, Who of Thy bounty givest without delay eternal life to all children who are regenerate in the waters of Baptism, when they pass out of this world, without any merit of their own: grant us, we beseech Thee, so to serve Thee here below with purity of heart and mind, that we may be for ever united in fellowship with Thy blessed children in Heaven.

Wednesday

Intercession for the Living.

WE pray and beseech Thee, O LORD and Lover of men, remember the One, and Only Catholic, and Apostolic Church, which is from one end of the earth to the other, and all people therein; vouchsafe to all our hearts the peace which is

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from Heaven, and also bestow upon us the peace of this life. O King of Peace, give us Thy peace in concord and in love; for beside Thee we know no other, and we are called by Thy Name. Quicken all our souls, and the death of sin, O LORD, shall not have dominion over us. Avert from us, and from all Thy people, all sickness and infirmity; drive from them the spirit of weakness; raise up them that lie in sickness; heal them that are vexed with unclean spirits; and free all that are in exile, prison, bonds, or bitter servitude. For Thou art our GOD; Thou art He that sets free the bound, He that raises those in misery; the Succour of the defenceless, the Resurrection of the fallen, and the Avenger of the afflicted. To those who have departed from us, give a fair journey, whether by land or by water; lead them to their destination in safety, and restore them to their friends, rejoicing to the rejoicing, and healthful to those in health. Send down richly fruitful showers, where they are needed; give fine weather to renew the face of the earth; water her furrows, and multiply her increase. Bless, O LORD, the fruits of the earth; preserve them continually, for seed and for harvest; for the poor of Thy people, for the widow, the orphan, and the stranger; and for all who hope in Thee, and are called by Thy Name; and grant that we, having all sufficiency in all good things, may abound in every good work, in CHRIST JESUS our LORD. O KING of kings, and LORD of lords, have mercy upon our Sovereign Lady the Queen, whom Thou hast vouchsafed to rule over this land

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in peace, and might, and justice. Speak good things to her heart for Thy Holy Church, and for all the people that love the LORD CHRIST; that we also, in her tranquillity, may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty. Bless, O LORD, all Thy faithful people; and be present with all who minister to them in Thy holy Name, the Priests of Thy Church. Root out idolatry wholly from the world; bruise Satan under our feet; and humble Thou all the enemies of Thy Church. Satisfy the hungry soul with gladness; comfort the fearful in mind; convert them that have strayed; enlighten them that are in darkness; raise the fallen; strengthen the wavering; restore the penitent; preserve us from all our iniquities; unite us into one Fold under One Shepherd; and direct us all, O LORD, in the way of everlasting salvation.

Prayers for the Dead.

GRACIOUSLY and gently, of Thy great goodness, O LORD JESUS CHRIST, receive the souls and spirits of Thy servants and worshippers who have passed from this present life unto Thee, and especially them for whom this holy Sacrifice hath been duly offered and consummated. Be mindful of them, O LORD, we beseech Thee; give them peace and rest, and place them in the dwellings of light in the abode of blessed Spirits, in the Heavenly Jerusalem, in the Church of the first-born written in Heaven. And of Thy love to mankind, granting them a most happy memory and rest,

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vouchsafe them life that knows no limit, blessings that pass not away, and pleasures without end. May they obtain pardon through Thy mercy, be sheltered under the wings of Thy grace, and never be condemned, because Thy have hoped in Thee, and in Thine Only-begotten SON; through Whom we also trust to obtain for them and for ourselves mercy and remission of sins.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, SON of the Living GOD, set Thy holy Passion, Cross and Death, we humbly beseech Thee, between Thy judgment and our souls, both now and at the hour of our death. Vouchsafe also to grant unto the living, mercy and grace; to the dead, peace and rest; to Thy holy Church, unity and concord; and to us miserable sinners, life and joy everlasting.

For a Man.

ABSOLVE, O LORD, we beseech Thee, the soul of Thy servant . . . that though dead to the world, he may live to Thee; and whatsoever he hath done amiss in his human conversation, through the weakness of the flesh, do Thou by the pardon of Thy most merciful goodness wipe away.

For a Woman.

WE beseech Thee, O LORD, according to Thy great goodness have mercy upon the soul of Thine handmaid . . . : and, as she is now free from contact with mortal flesh, restore her to the portion of eternal salvation.

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Thursday

Intercession for the Living.

REMEMBER, O LORD, I beseech Thee, for the merits of Thy SON, remember His Spouse, the Church. Increase in her purity of faith; and by the labour of Apostolic men, enlarge her borders through the whole world. Preserve her in peace and quietness; and let not the gates of hell prevail against her. Break down the pride of her enemies, and enlighten the nations yet strangers to the faith, by the bright shining of Thy truth; and let not so many, formed in Thine own Image, perish, for whom the precious BLOOD of Thy SON was poured out. Look with the eye of Thy compassion upon the Bishops and Pastors of Thy Church, and enable them faithfully to watch over the flock committed to their charge. Be present with all Thy Priests, that they may give none occasion of offence, but may love purity, and follow those things which make for peace. Be favourable to all those, whom Thou hast called apart from the world to be Thy peculiar heritage; and grant unto them perseverance in grace, for the performance of good works. Grant unto this parish a sufficient supply of all temporal goods; quicken the spirit of our superiors; and kindle Divine fervour in all. Raise up in Thy Church earnest labourers, to feed her faithfully by word, and to strengthen her by example. Give to them a right purpose, a sincerity of zeal, self-denial, boldness,

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and steadfastness in well-doing. Pour forth Thy compassion, O LORD, sovereign Ruler of the Kings of the earth, upon all kings and princes, and especially on our Queen; and grant unto them an abiding service in submission to their faith and to the Church, a care for their subjects, a zeal for justice, peace with one another, and a keeping of Thy Commandments. Give Thy help to all magistrates, that they may quietly govern those committed to their charge, may in all their judgments fear Thee, and continually strive to please Thee. Grant unto all estates of men in Thy Church the abundance of Thy Grace, that every member of the same, in his vocation, unto which he has been called, may worthily and truly serve Thee. To maidens, grant purity; to those devoted to GOD, continence; to the married, sanctity; to penitents, pardon; to widows and orphans, support; to the poor, protection; to travellers, a safe return; to voyagers, a harbour; to the just, perseverance; to the holy, that they may be more holy; to the lukewarm, that they may be full of zeal; to the wicked and to sinners, such as I confess myself in sorrow to be, that they may be converted. Keep Thou the air pure, the seasons healthy, and the earth fruitful; bring her fruits to perfection, and supply the whole world, in Thy providence. Behold the sick, the afflicted, the tempted, the distressed, and all those who are in any other danger, or necessity; and grant unto them such succour, help, and comfort as shall best promote Thy glory and their salvation. I also humbly pray, O most Merciful GOD, for mine

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enemies, whom, for Thy sake, I love; for those who have trespassed against me, or whom I have injured or tempted to evil; that Thou wouldest be pleased to show Thy goodness unto them all, and to warm their hearts with the holy fire of Thy love. Lastly, I pray for all for whom I am bound to pray, and for myself; that Thou wouldest be pleased to bring us all to Thy everlasting Kingdom, Who, with the FATHER and HOLY SPIRIT, livest and reignest One GOD for ever and for evermore.

Prayers for the Dead.

AT Thy spiritual and holy Altar, O LORD GOD, grant peace, a blessed memory, and happiness to the souls, bodies, and spirits of our fathers, brethren, and friends, and all for whom we are bound to pray. Give them the spirit of gladness in the dwellings of light and joy, in the tabernacles of shade and peace, and in the treasures of happiness, whence all sadness is far distant; where the souls of the Saints wait without toil for the first-fruits of life, and the spirits of the just likewise watch for the end and the promised wages in that land where the weary labourers gaze upon Paradise, and, bidden to the marriage, long for the Heavenly BRIDEGROOM; where, invited to the Feast, they wait their turn to be called, and eagerly desire to receive that new garment of glory, whence all sorrow is absent, and where joys are found. For there is but One through Whom we hope to obtain pardon and remission of our sins.

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REMEMBER, O LORD, all the faithful departed, who have passed away and come to Thee. Receive these oblations, which are offered to Thee this day for them, and make them rest in the bosom of blessed Abraham. All the departed have found rest with the hope of Thy clemency, and wait for Thy mercies, O GOD our worship. Grant that they may hear that quickening voice calling and leading them, and that they may be bidden to Thy Kingdom. Vouchsafe to us also a quiet end, and of Thy mercy do away our offences: for none are there upon earth without sin. Be gracious to us and to them, and pardon our sins, O LORD, that in us, for us, and because of us, Thy most glorious and blessed Name, with that of our LORD JESUS CHRIST and the Living and HOLY SPIRIT, may be glorified, praised and honoured, now and for evermore.

For Anniversary of Death.

O GOD, the LORD of forgiveness, grant unto the souls of Thy servants and handmaids . . . the year's-mind of whose death we have in remembrance, a place of refreshing, bliss of rest, and clearness of light.

For Anniversary of Burial.

O GOD, the LORD of pardon, grant unto the souls of Thy servants and handmaids . . . . the year's-mind of whose burial we have in remembrance, a place of refreshment, bliss of rest, and clearness of light.

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For those at rest in a Cemetery.

O GOD, by Whose mercy the souls of the faithful rest in peace: to Thy servants and handmaids, and to all who are at rest in CHRIST here and everywhere, of Thy gracious favour, grant pardon of their sins; so that set free from all guilt, they may rejoice with Thee for ever.

Friday

Intercession for the Living.

WE offer unto Thee, O LORD, this Holy Sacrifice for the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church throughout the world, that Thou wouldest fulfil it with the plentiful Gifts of the HOLY GHOST. Remember, O LORD, our holy fathers and brothers in it, the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, in all the world, which rightly divide the word of Thy truth. Remember every nation and city, and the faithful who dwell therein, that they may dwell in peace and safety. Remember, O GOD, all that are voyaging or journeying, all in foreign lands, all in bonds or in prison, in captivity or exile, under torture or in bitter slavery, our fathers and brethren in the faith. Remember them that are in sickness or travail; and them that are vexed with unclean spirits, that they may be restored and rescued by Thee, O GOD. Remember, also, every Christian soul in tribulation and distress, desiring

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Thy pity and succour, O Merciful LORD; and forget not the conversion of the erring. Remember all that labour for us, and minister unto us. Remember all, O LORD, have pity upon all; be reconciled to us all; give peace to all Thy people; dispel scandals; put an end to wars; stay the uprising of heresies. Give us Thy peace and Thy love, O GOD our SAVIOUR, the Help of all the ends of the earth. Remember the healthy seasons, gentle showers, fair weather, and plenteousness of the fruits of the ground; for Thou openest Thy hand, O LORD, and fillest all things living with plenteousness. Remember also them that do good deeds in Thy Church, and that have cared for the poor, the widows and orphans, the stranger, and the needy; and all those who have desired us to remember them in our prayers. Furthermore, vouchsafe, O LORD, to remember all who this day approach Thine holy Altar; their special needs for which they receive Thee, and the special intentions with which they pray unto Thee. Remember also, according to the multitude of Thy mercy, Thy servants who minister at this Altar, the Priests of Thy Church; grant them blamelessness of life, preserve their ministry spotless, prosper the work of their hands for good, and let them find mercy and grace, with all Thy Saints that have been pleasing unto Thee, from the beginning of the world.

Prayers for the Dead.

REMEMBER, O LORD, our holy fathers who have departed, the Catholic Bishops and

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Priests, and all who have pleased Thee since the world began, the pious Fathers, Patriarchs, Apostles, Prophets, Preachers, Evangelists, Martyrs, Confessors, and every just spirit perfected in the faith of CHRIST, and them whom we commemorate this day, with all the choir of Thy Saints, by whose prayers and intercessions have mercy on us, and save us, for the sake of Thy holy Name, which hath been invoked upon us. Remember, O LORD, our fathers and brethren, who have fallen asleep in the true faith, and grant rest to their souls with the Saints and the just. Lead them and gather them into green pastures, beside the waters of comfort, in the Paradise of Bliss, and together with them remember those whose names we have recited.

O LORD, O LORD, Lover of Mankind, place in Abraham's bosom and grant rest to those who have fulfilled the span of human life in the orthodox faith, and are freed from this transitory existence, taking away and pardoning all their and our iniquities, through Thy love towards men; since it is impossible for those who have tasted of worldly pleasures not to be found guilty. For there is but One, even our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, through Whom we trust to obtain mercy and remission of sins.

For Father and Mother.

O GOD, Who hast commanded us to honour our father and mother: graciously have

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mercy upon the souls of my father and mother, and forgive them all their sins, and cause me to behold them in the joy of eternal brightness.

Saturday

Intercession for the Living.

O EVERLASTING GOD, Who hast neither beginning of days nor end of life, and art great in Thy counsels, and mighty in Thy works, Who art everywhere and in all places; be present, O LORD, with us sinners at this hour; be present in the midst of us; purify our hearts, and sanctify our souls; cleanse us from all the sins which through wilfulness or in ignorance we have committed. Give us grace to offer before Thee a reasonable service, a sacrifice of thanksgiving and spiritual incense; and grant that we may enter within the veil, into the Houses of purity, Houses of holiness, and Houses of blessing. Vouchsafe, O LORD, to us, Thy humble servants, and to all those who shall come after us for ever, that we may still hold them in perpetual possession. Arise then, O LORD GOD, and let Thine enemies be scattered; let all them that hate Thee flee before Thee. And may Thy people enjoy Thy blessings, ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, and perform all the good pleasure of Thy Will; through the grace, mercy, and love towards men of Thy Only-begotten SON, our LORD and SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST.

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Prayers for the Dead.

O LORD GOD, Who art the Author of peace, and Giver of mercy, grant to the faithful departed, who are redeemed by the death of Thine Only-begotten SON, that saved from death, and rescued from hell, and raised up from the dust by Thee, O LORD, the grace of Thine Only-begotten SON may be mighty over us and them, through Whom we also trust to obtain, for them and us, that mercy and remission of sins which is for His sake. And in the future renewal, through the general resurrection, cause both them and us to attain the blessed feast of Thy Kingdom, through Thy grace, O LORD, that herein, as in all things, Thy blessed Name may be glorified and praised, with that of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and of Thy HOLY SPIRIT.

For a Man.

MAY the SPIRIT of the Almighty bestow on . . . abundant, uninterrupted rest in Paradise, whose soul hath departed out of this life by the will of GOD, the LORD of Heaven and earth. May the Almighty King of kings in His great mercies have compassion upon him and pity him. O supreme King of kings, with Thy mercy protect him under the shadow of Thy wings, that he may behold Thy glory, and enter Thy temple, and place himself at the sweet brook of Thy salvation, that his soul may be bound with the knot of eternal life, and that his repose may be glorious. Oh, be

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Thou his inheritance, that he may enjoy peace, he and all Thy people Israel that lie in the dust. Oh, may they be also included in Thy compassion and pardon, and may this be Thy blessed will.

For a Woman.

O MOST Merciful, to Whom belong mercies, by Whose Word the world was created, as well the present as the future, in Whom are hidden those righteous and holy ones who have performed Thy will with joy, be pleased to grant and ordain by Thy sacred word, by Thy glory and Thy great strength, that . . . may be admitted into Thy glorious presence. May the SPIRIT of the LORD lay in the tranquil repose of His Paradise her who hath departed this life by the will of the LORD, Creator and Ruler of Heaven and earth. May He of His infinite mercy take pity on her and have compassion on her soul. May peace and harmony await and accompany her, and may her repose be peaceful and tranquil. May this be His holy will.

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Office in Thanksgiving

IN the Name ✠ of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST. Amen.

Antiphon. Let us sing the Song of the Three Children which they sang in the furnace of fire, blessing the LORD.

Canticum Trium Puerorum.

O ALL ye Works of the LORD, bless ye the LORD: praise Him and magnify Him for ever.

O ye Angels of the LORD, bless ye the LORD: O ye Heavens, bless ye the LORD.

O ye Waters that be above the firmament, bless ye the LORD; O all ye Powers of the LORD, bless ye the LORD.

O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the LORD: O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the LORD.

O ye Showers and Dew, bless ye the LORD: O ye Winds of GOD, bless ye the LORD.

O ye Fire and Heat, bless ye the LORD: O ye Winter and Summer, bless ye the LORD.

O ye Dews and Frosts, bless ye the LORD: O ye Frost and Cold, bless ye the LORD.

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O ye Ice and Snow, bless ye the LORD: O ye Nights and Days, bless ye the LORD.

O ye Light and Darkness, bless ye the LORD: O ye Lightnings and Clouds, bless ye the LORD.

O let the Earth bless the LORD: yea, let it praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O ye Mountains and Hills, bless ye the LORD: O all ye Green Things upon the earth, bless ye the LORD.

O ye Wells, bless ye the LORD: O ye Seas and Floods, bless ye the LORD.

O ye Whales and all that move in the waters, bless ye the LORD: O all ye Fowls of the air, bless ye the LORD.

O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the LORD: O ye Children of Men, bless ye the LORD.

O let Israel bless the LORD: praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O ye Priests of the LORD, bless ye the LORD: O ye Servants of the LORD, bless ye the LORD.

O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless ye the LORD: O ye Holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the LORD.

O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the LORD: praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

Let us bless the FATHER, and the SON, with the HOLY GHOST: let us praise and magnify Him for ever.

Blessed art Thou, O LORD, in the firmament of Heaven: and worthy to be praised, and glorious, and magnified for ever.

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Psalm 150. *Laudate Dominum.*

O PRAISE God in His holiness: praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise Him in His noble acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet: praise Him upon the lute and harp.

Praise Him in the cymbals and dances: praise Him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise Him upon the loud cymbals.

Let everything that hath breath: praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father.

Antiphon. Let us sing the Song of the Three Children, which they sang in the furnace of fire, praising the Lord.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father.
V. And lead us not into temptation.
R. But deliver us from evil.

ALL Thy works praise Thee, O Lord;
R. And Thy Saints give thanks unto Thee.
V. Let the Saints be joyful with glory;
R. Let them rejoice in their beds.

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V. Not unto me, O LORD, not unto me;
R. But unto Thy Name give the Praise.

V. O LORD, hear my prayer;
R. And let my crying come unto Thee.

O GOD, Who didst to the Three Children soothe the flames of fire, mercifully grant, that the flames of sin may not kindle upon us Thy servants.

PREVENT us, O LORD, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life.

I RENDER Thee thanks, O LORD, Holy FATHER, Almighty, Everlasting GOD, Who hast vouchsafed, not for any desert of mine, but only out of the condescension of Thy mercy, to feed me, a sinner, Thy unworthy servant, with the precious BODY and BLOOD of Thy SON, our LORD JESUS CHRIST. I pray Thee, that this Holy Communion may not bring guilt upon me to condemnation, but may intercede for me to my pardon and salvation. Let it be to me an Armour of faith and a Shield of good purpose. Let it be to me a Riddance of all vices; an Extermination of evil desires and longings; an Increase of love and patience, of humility and obedience, and of all virtues; a firm Defence against the wiles of my enemies, visible or in-

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visible; a perfect Quieting of all my impulses, fleshly and spiritual; a firm Adherence to Thee, the One True God; and a blessed Consummation of my end. And I pray Thee, that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bring me, a sinner, to that ineffable Feast, where Thou, with Thy Son, and the Holy Spirit, art, to Thy holy ones, true Light, full Satiety, everlasting Joy, Pleasure consummated, and perfect Happiness.

O MOST Sweet Lord Jesus Christ, transfix the affections of my inmost soul with that most joyous and healthful wound of Thy love, with true, serene, most holy, Apostolic charity; that my soul may ever languish and melt with entire love and longing for Thee. Let it desire Thee, and faint for Thy courts; long to be dissolved and to be with Thee. Grant that my soul may hunger after Thee, the Bread of Angels, the Refreshment of holy Souls, our daily super-substantial Bread, Who hast all sweetness and savour, and every pleasurable delight. Thee, Whom the Angels desire to look into, may my heart ever hunger after and feed upon; and may the appetite of my soul be filled with the sweetness of Thy savour. May it ever thirst for Thee, the Fountain of life, the Fountain of wisdom and knowledge, the Fountain of eternal light, the Torrent of pleasure, the Richness of the House of God. Let it ever compass Thee, seek Thee, find Thee, stretch towards Thee, arrive at Thee, meditate upon Thee, speak of Thee, and do all things to the praise and

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glory of Thy holy Name; with humility and discretion, with love and delight, with readiness and affection, with perseverance even unto the end. And be Thou alone ever my Hope and my whole Confidence; my Riches; my Delight, my Pleasure, and my Joy; my Rest and Tranquillity; my Peace; my Sweetness and my Sweet Savour; my Food and Refreshment; my Refuge and Help; my Wisdom; my Portion, my Possession, and my Treasure; in Whom my mind and my heart may ever remain fixed, and firm, and rooted immovably, henceforth and for evermore.

I BESEECH Thee, O most Sweet LORD JESU CHRIST, that Thy Passion may be unto me virtue, whereby I may be fenced, protected, and defended. Let Thy Wounds be to me meat and drink, whereby I may be fed, inebriated, and delighted. Let the sprinkling of Thy BLOOD be to me the washing away of all my sins. Let Thy death be to me everlasting glory, both now and for ever.

THE Grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. Amen.

Hymns

Verbum Supernum prodiens.

THE Heavenly WORD proceeding forth,
Yet leaving not the FATHER'S side,
Accomplishing His work on earth,
Had reached at length life's eventide.

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By false disciple to be given
  To foemen for His life athirst,
Himself the very Bread of Heaven,
  He gave to His disciples first.

He gave Himself in either Kind,
  His precious FLESH, His precious BLOOD,
In Love's own fulness thus designed
  Of the whole man to be the FOOD.

By birth their Fellow-man was He;
  Their Meat when sitting at the board;
He died their Ransomer to be;
  He ever reigns, their great Reward.

O Esca Viatorum.

O FOOD that weary pilgrims love,
  O Bread of Angel hosts above,
  O Manna of the Saints;
The hungry soul would feed on Thee;
Ne'er may the heart unsolaced be
  Which for Thy sweetness faints.

O Fount of love, O cleansing Tide,
Which from the SAVIOUR'S pierced side
  And sacred heart dost flow;
Be ours to drink of Thy pure Rill,
Which only can our spirits fill,
  And all we need bestow.

O JESU, Whom, by Power divine
Now hidden 'neath the outward Sign,
  We worship and adore;

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Grant, when the veil away is rolled,
With open face we may behold
Thyself for evermore.

Jesus, gentlest Saviour.

JESUS, Gentlest SAVIOUR,
GOD of Might and Power,
Thou Thyself art dwelling
In us at this hour.

Nature cannot hold Thee,
Heaven is all too strait
For Thine endless glory,
And Thy royal state.

Out beyond the shining
Of the farthest star,
Thou art ever stretching
Infinitely far.

Yet the hearts of children
Hold what worlds can not,
And the GOD of Wonders
Loves the lowly spot.

As men to their gardens
Go to seek sweet flowers,
In our hearts, dear JESUS
Seeks them at all hours.

JESUS, Gentlest SAVIOUR,
Thou art in us now;
Fill us full of Goodness,
Till our hearts o'erflow.

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Pray the prayer within us
  That to Heaven shall rise:
Sing the song that Angels
  Sing above the skies.

Multiply our graces,
  Chiefly love and fear,
And, dear LORD, the chiefest,
  Grace to persevere.

Oh, how can we thank Thee
  For a Gift like this,
Gift that truly telleth
  Heaven's eternal bliss?

Ah, when wilt Thou always
  Make our hearts Thy home?
We must wait for Heaven,
  Then the day will come.

Now at least we'll keep Thee
  All the time we may;
But Thy grace and blessing
  We will keep alway.

Come, let me for a moment cast.

COME, let me for a moment cast
  All earthly thoughts away,
And muse upon the sacred Gift
  Which I received to-day.

This morning that Eternal LORD,
  Who is my Judge to be,

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Came to this lowly tenement,
  And stayed awhile with me.

With His celestial FLESH and BLOOD
  My fainting soul He fed;
With tender words of grace and love,
  My heart He comforted.

He, Who of all that live and breathe
  Is all the Life and Breath,
This morning deigned to visit me
  In this my house of death.

He, Whose immensity transcends
  Creation's utmost goal,
This morning deigned to be confined
  Within my finite soul.

He, Who in endless wealth abounds,
  The world's Possessor blest,
This morning deigned, oh, wondrous thought,
  To be by me possessed.

He, Who in Awful GODHEAD sits
  Upon His throne on high,
This morning entered my abode,
  In His Humanity.

He, Who for me a trembling Babe,
  On Mary's breast reclined,
This morning in my heart and flesh
  His DEITY enshrined.

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O Soul of mine, reflect, reflect,
  Consider, one by one,
What marvels of surpassing grace,
  Thy God in thee hath done.

His tender love with love repay,
  Extol His sacred Name,
To all the world His greatness tell,
  His graciousness proclaim.

O King of Beauty.

O KING of Beauty, Lord of Love,
  True Bread and living Stay,
How dost Thou sweet Refreshment prove,
  To pilgrims on their way.

O precious Drops that from yon Fount
  Of comfort ever flow,
Who taste of these all toil surmount,
  They sweeten every woe.

Manna Celestial daily spread,
  Drink from the Rock outpoured,
Thus through the wild are nourished
  Thy sorrowing children, Lord.

Thrice blessed they, who day by day
  On Jesus' breast recline;
With Thee, indeed, no more we need,
  Who giv'st Thyself to Thine.

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Oh, what is this enchanting calm.

OH, what is this enchanting calm,
Which thus with joy my bosom fills,
Which o'er my spirit pours a balm,
And through my inmost being thrills?

Is some bright Seraph hither sent,
Diffusing sweetness from his wings,
To steep my bosom in content,
Unseen, unfelt from earthly things?

No; something purer far must dwell
Within this raptured soul of mine:
'Tis what no mortal tongue can tell;
'Tis more than Heavenly, 'tis Divine.

My God, my Jesus, it is Thou
Art ravishing my heart with Bliss;
Thy Presence is within me now:
Could I have asked a boon like this?

Yes, stooping from Thy Throne above,
Thou wilt not dwell from man apart:
Thou, in Thy Sacrament of Love,
Hast come to dwell within my heart.

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Acts of Thanksgiving

Sunday

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Thou Guest of my soul, Who hast this day vouchsafed to come unto, and to abide with Thy poor and humble servant; blessed art Thou, and highly to be exalted and praised with thanksgiving, Who hast visited me, as the Day-spring from on high. O King of Peace, drive from my mind and heart all vain and evil thoughts, that my soul may be able to contemplate and to love Thee only, the Author of Peace, and Lover of concord. And what can my soul seek and taste beside Thee, O Thou Peace, Tranquillity, and Sweetness of my heart? O Fount of perpetual love, how can I forget Thee, Who hast deigned to remember me, and give me Thyself? Beyond all my expectation, Thou hast showed pity to Thy servant; and beyond all my deserts, hast Thou showed me Thy grace. What thanks, then, can I worthily render unto the LORD?

OH, that I could serve Thee in thanksgiving all the days of my life; that even for one day I might show unto Thee true and worthy

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service. Verily art Thou worthy of all service, honour, and eternal glory. Verily Thou art my LORD, and I Thy poor servant, who am bound to serve Thee with all my strength, and who never should grow weary of praising Thee and giving Thee thanks. This is my wish, this my desire; and do Thou, O LORD, deign to supply whatsoever is lacking in me. Grant me, LORD JESU, Thy grace, that it may be with me, and labour with me, and persevere with me, even unto the end. Grant that I may always desire and wish what is most acceptable to Thee, and most pleasing unto Thee. May Thy will be mine; and may my will always follow Thine, and most thoroughly agree with it. May I wish and hate only what Thou wishest and hatest. And may I be unable to wish or hate anything but what Thou, O LORD, dost wish or hate. Grant that I may die to all that is in the world; and for Thy sake love to be despised and unknown. Grant that I may, above all desire, rest in Thee, and that my heart may be at peace in Thee. Thou art the true Peace of the soul; Thou art its only rest; and without Thee all things are unquiet and unpeaceful. In this peace, that is in Thee, the Highest Good, may I lay me down and take my rest.

HOW great thanksgiving, LORD JESU, is due unto Thee for the reception of Thy sacred BODY and Thy most precious BLOOD, whose dignity no man is able to explain. Thanks be to Thee, O eternal Shepherd, Who hast deigned to refresh me,

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poor and miserable, with Thy BODY and Thy BLOOD. What can I render unto Thee, O LORD, for that so great a favour, for that so notable a love? There is no other way in which I can give Thee more thanks, than in entirely giving up my heart to Thee. Deign, then, O LORD, to remain with me, as I, LORD JESU, do thankfully and willingly remain with Thee. This is all my desire, that my heart may be united unto Thine.

Monday

WHAT can I render unto Thee, O LORD JESU, for all that Thou hast given unto me, especially to-day? In care for me, Thou hast given me Thy BODY to eat, and Thy BLOOD to drink, and both as a pledge of future glory. Who ever hath heard such a thing? Who hath ever seen the like? Oh, that my lips may be opened, and my mouth filled with praise, that I may sing of Thy glory, and tell of Thy greatness and of all Thy wondrous works, all the day long. Let my soul magnify the LORD, touched by so many and so great benefits; and let my spirit rejoice in GOD my SAVIOUR; for He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant, and He that is Mighty hath done to me great things, and hath filled the hungry with good things. Praise the LORD, all ye nations, and laud Him, all ye people; for His merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us. Praise Him, all ye Angels of His: praise Him, all ye His Hosts; kings of the earth and all people; princes

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and all judges of the world; young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the LORD.

BUT as for my tongue, O LORD, it shall be talking of Thy righteousness and praise all the day long. All my bones shall say, LORD, who is like unto Thee? Thy truth, most Mighty LORD, is on every side. Mighty art Thou in Thy gifts; and holy in all Thy works. May my prayer be pleasing unto Thee. I, in truth, shall be delighted in Thee, and will exercise myself in Thy commandments. Hold Thou me by my right hand, and guide me with Thy counsel; and after that, Good LORD, do Thou receive me with glory.

I RENDER unto Thee most humble and hearty thanks, O my LORD, for that Thou hast not only offered Thyself willingly, with outstretched Hands and naked Body, on the Altar of the Cross, for my sins to GOD the FATHER, but hast also given me that same BODY to be my Food and Sustenance. And as, O LORD, Thou didst will that nothing should remain in Thee, but entirely pass into a Sacrifice of divine Atonement; so now, I humbly desire to offer myself voluntarily to Thee, as a pure and holy oblation of thanksgiving, with all the powers and affections of my soul, as perfectly as I can. O LORD JESUS, I beseech Thee, in the simplicity of my heart, receive me as Thy servant for ever, as a sacrifice of perpetual thanksgiving. Receive me with this holy Oblation of

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Thy precious BODY and BLOOD, which I have now joined in offering to Thy FATHER, for my own salvation and for that of all Thy people.

Tuesday

O MOST Gracious GOD, I yield Thee thanks, Who hast so loved me as to give me Thine Only-begotten SON to be my Ransom and my Food, and with Him to give me all things; and I pray Thee to look on the Face of Thy CHRIST, in Whom Thou art well pleased. This, Thy Beloved SON, and with Him my own sinful heart, do I give unto Thee, in return for what Thou hast this day given unto me. May this be well-pleasing to Thee, O LORD, in Him; and for His sake turn away Thine indignation from me Thy servant.

LO! the Mediator between GOD and man, the Man CHRIST JESUS, Advocate and great High Priest, Who intercedes for me. Him do I offer unto Thee in thanksgiving; Him, Who did no sin, and Who yet bore the sins of the world, and has healed our wickedness with His own most precious BLOOD. Receive therefore, O Holy FATHER, this spotless Victim, even Thy SON, to the praise and glory of Thy holy Name, in thanksgiving for Thy benefits conferred on me, as the remission also of my sins, and the supply of my defects.

I RENDER Thee thanks, O Good LORD, Benefactor of my soul, because Thou hast made

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me partaker of Thy heavenly and immortal Mysteries. But what more can I render unto Thee, O my God? Verily, I am less than all Thy gifts. O most Merciful God, receive therefore the praises and thanksgivings which Thy Son our Saviour, in His sacred Humanity, offered to Thee. Receive those which He offered Thee from the moment of His Incarnation, throughout the whole course of His life; and those especially, which when instituting this ever-blessed Sacrament, and knowing us to be unable to return worthy thanks for so great a benefit, lifting up His eyes to heaven, in the name of all of us, He gave thanks unto Thee, O God, His Father Almighty.

Wednesday

O GRACIOUS Lord Jesus, Thou Sweetness of my heart, and Life of my soul, and pleasant Rest of my spirit, I give Thee most hearty thanks for all Thy benefits conferred on me; but chiefly because Thou hast this day made me meet to receive Thy most precious and life-giving Body and Blood; to join in offering It to Thy Father, in memory of Thy wondrous works, to Thy glory, and for the remission of all sins, both my own and theirs for whom I am bound to pray and offer It; and to be fed and nourished by It, to the salvation and consolation of my soul and body. Wherefore verily, I may now most truly say, Christ is mine, and I am His.

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O GRACIOUS LORD JESUS, Who hast deigned to make this habitation of my soul, unworthy as it is, Thine own; deign, O LORD, moreover to make therein Thy perpetual indwelling. Make me a man after Thine own heart; unite me closely to Thee; and transform and change me wholly into Thyself. Save me, O JESU CHRIST, by Thy most precious Passion, and drive far from me all the malice of the adversary. I pray Thee also, that Thou wilt deign to grant to me and to others both living and departed, whom I desire to remember, all the gifts and graces which I can obtain in virtue of this Holy Sacrifice, Oblation and Satisfaction.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, because I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaid, I renounce Satan, and all his works, the pomps and vanities of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Thou alone art the GOD of my heart, and my Portion for ever. Thou alone art the Portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup; and Thou shalt restore my lot. Therefore to Thee alone I renounce all my liberty. Receive, then, O LORD, in thanksgiving for the gift of Thy Precious BODY and BLOOD, my memory, my intellect, and my will. Whatever I have, and whatever I possess, Thou hast freely given me; all which do I now render unto Thee and moreover give up to Thee, to be governed by Thy holy Will. Grant me only Thy love, Good LORD, with Thy grace, and I am rich enough; nor do I ask anything beside.

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Thursday

O GOOD JESU, whom have I in Heaven but Thee, and what is there on earth which I desire in comparison of Thee? Now is my longing satisfied, now is the joy of my heart fulfilled; for in this all-holy Sacrament Thou art my Fulness, my whole Good, my entire Desire. Refresh, O LORD, my hungry soul; inflame my coldness with the fire of Thy love; illumine my blindness with the brightness of Thy Presence; and make Thou me to become thankful unto Thee for Thine infinite mercy's sake.

O MY GOD, I yield Thee hearty thanks for the gift of Thy BODY and BLOOD; and I pray Thee, of Thy bounty, to make all earthly things to be undesired by me. Raise Thou up my heart to Thee in Heaven, and suffer me not to wander amongst the things of earth. May the Virtue of this blessed Sacrament, I pray Thee, penetrate my inmost soul; and mortify and root out whatever is evil, whatever is vicious in me. In Thee, O most Sweet LORD JESU, may all my delight be found; may I weary of joy which is without Thee; and may all my rest be tedious unto me, which is not in Thee. Send out from Thyself, O LORD, the rays of Thy Love, which may inflame my soul, and destroy whatever is earthly in me; that I may burn with the quenchless fire of Thy love, and that the old man may entirely be consumed. Oh, that the

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burning fire of Thy love may seize upon me, enkindle me, transform me into Thee, and unite me unto Thee.

LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for now hast Thou fed me with Thy BODY and Thy BLOOD. For this Thine infinite goodness, I render Thee hearty thanks; but do not Thou, O my GOD, I pray Thee, go far from me. Look upon me, and help me; for evil thoughts rise up against me day by day, and many temptations make war against me. Grant that I may pass through them uninjured; grant that I may break through them unharmed. Fight Thou, O LORD, on my side, and drive far from me all assaults of the enemy. Command Thou the winds and storms of my passions; say to the sea, Be still, and to the north wind, Blow not; and there will be a great calm. Bless and sanctify me with Thy heavenly blessing. Protect and preserve the soul of Thy servant amid the many dangers of this life; and Thy grace accompanying me, guide me by the way of peace to the country of eternal brightness.

Friday

I HAVE found Him, in the blessed Sacrament of His BODY and BLOOD, Whom my soul loveth; I hold Him, and will not let Him go. Thee, O my JESUS, do I embrace: Thee, my Love and my Joy, do I hold; Thee do I hold as the Treasure of

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my heart, in Whom I possess all things. Deliver me, O LORD, out of all my troubles; and grant that I may be as fully Thine, as Thou art wholly mine.

THOU art my Creator and the Fashioner of my heart; create then, I pray Thee, a clean heart in me, and renew a right spirit within me. Thou art my King and my LORD; do Thou possess me, and make me to possess none else beside Thee. Thou art my Teacher and my Master; teach me all spiritual goodness, learning, and knowledge. Thou art my Advocate with GOD the FATHER; grant that He may put away His anger from me. Thou art He, Who shall come to judge the quick and the dead; enter not therefore into judgment with Thy servant. Thou art my beloved Spouse; betroth me to Thyself in pity and mercy. Thou art my Guide and Protector; place me near Thee, and then let the hand of whomsoever Thou wilt fight against me. Thou wast made a Victim for me; trusting in the LORD, I shall not be made weak. Thou art my SAVIOUR and Redeemer; complete Thy work in me, O LORD, that Thy labour be not in vain. Thou art the Portion of my inheritance, and my Portion in the land of the living; restore to me my heritage. Thou art my Glory, my Crown, and my exceeding great Reward; admit me, O LORD, to those good things which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee, and pour into my heart Thy grace, that I may be able to love Thee perfectly, to praise Thee de-

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voutly, to enjoy Thee thoroughly, to serve Thee faithfully, to yield Thee humble and hearty thanks, and to make my boast in Thee, now and for evermore.

BEHOLD me, O God, my Protector, and look on the face of Thy Christ. Lo! Thy Son hath so communicated Himself to me, that I am in Him and He in me; He has become One with me, and I one with Him. Him therefore, O most Loving Father, do I now offer unto Thee as the Incense of a sweet-smelling savour, to Thy honour and glory; in thanksgiving for all Thy benefits conferred on me; for the remission of my sins; and to obtain for me, and for all whom I have remembered in my prayers, all things needful for this life, and for that which is to come. Receive, O Lord, with this most holy Oblation, my soul and body, and all their powers and affections, that I may become a continual whole burnt-offering in the presence of Thy divine Majesty. Grant that henceforth, I may have neither members, nor senses, nor powers, nor life, except in loving Thee, and in serving Thee, my God.

Saturday

GRANT, O Lord God my Saviour, that with the frequency in receiving this divine Mystery, my holiness may be increased, and that my soul may be saved, which Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious Blood. Deal Thou with me

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after Thy goodness, and not according to my wickedness and iniquity. Look upon my good works, how few and imperfect they are, and amend and sanctify them; count them to be done in grateful thanksgiving for Thy mercy; make them acceptable to Thyself, and ever make them more and more perfect; and bring me, a slothful and unprofitable servant, to a good and blessed end.

O MOST Sweet JESU, lo, I stand before Thee, poor and naked; I offer unto Thee my thanksgiving for the Holy Communion of Thy BODY and BLOOD; I call to Thee for grace; and I implore Thy mercy. Inflame my coldness, then, with the fire of Thy love; turn away and keep far from me all harmful earthly things; and be Thou alone sweet and pleasant unto me, from henceforth and for evermore. Oh, that with Thy divine Presence, Thou wouldest wholly inflame, burn and conform me to Thyself; that I might be made one spirit with Thee, by the grace of inward union, and the fire of ardent love. Deal mercifully with me, O LORD, as Thou hast oftentimes dealt marvellously with Thy Saints; kindle me with the fire, which ever burns and never decays; and fulfil me with that love, which purifies the memory, illuminates the understanding, and confirms the will.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting GOD, SAVIOUR of souls, and Redeemer of the world, in mightiest mercy look upon me Thy servant, prostrate before Thy divine Majesty, and most graciously look upon

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the Sacrifice of Thy BODY and BLOOD, which I have joined in offering to the honour of Thy Name; for the salvation of the faithful, both living and departed; and for my sins and offences. Accept this my thanksgiving, which I now offer unto Thee; remove Thine anger from me; open unto me the gate of Heaven; in Thy power, rescue me from all evils; and in Thy loving-kindness, pardon whatever I may have done of my own will, and forgive this my imperfect gratitude. So, in this life, make me to persevere in Thy Commandments, that I may be worthy to be united with the flock of Thine Elect, in Thy presence, O my GOD, Whose blessed Name, Honour, and Kingdom endureth for ever and ever.

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Eucharistic Prayers and Benedictions

FOR THE SEASONS OF THE CHURCH

Advent

PURIFY, O LORD, the secret recesses of our hearts, and in Thy mercy wash away all the stains of our sins, and grant that we, by the blessing of Thy goodness, being strengthened by this life-giving Sacrament, may await, undismayed, Thy fearful and terrible Coming in the flesh; and whilst Thou pitiest us, O CHRIST, may we be made worthy to receive Thy pardon here for all our sins, may we experience Thy future Judgment to be most merciful, and being set on Thy right hand, may we receive of Thee the reward of everlasting life.

GRACIOUSLY hear our supplications, we beseech Thee, O LORD JESU CHRIST, and show to Thy Church the mercy for which she prayeth, manifesting to Thy faithful people both the marvel of Thy Incarnation, and the mighty mystery of Thy Advent; that so it may be known among all nations, that what was promised before by the

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mouth of Thy holy Prophets, hath been fulfilled; that they who have confessed the truth, may receive the glory of Thy adoption, and that the holy Mysteries we receive may profit us, O LORD, and both free us from our sins, and raise us up by the helping aid of Thy right hand.

WE beseech Thee, O CHRIST, let the hearts of the faithful be strengthened by Thy Advent; and, by Thy Name, let the knees of the feeble be made strong: let the wounds of the sick be made whole by Thy visitation; and by Thy touch, let the eyes of the blind be enlightened; let the steps of the lame be steadied by Thy guidance, and the chains of sinners loosened by Thy pity: that those whom Thou now seest, with devotion in the Holy Sacrament embrace Thy Incarnation mystically wrought of old, may, in Thy second Coming, be made worthy to draw nigh unto Thee with joyful minds, and to bring with them those who shall be found meet to enjoy the pleasures of Paradise.

O CHRIST, SON of GOD, Whose Incarnation hath restored the world, and Whose Name was announced by the message of an Angel, do Thou so write in the Book of Life the names of those who now join in this Holy Sacrifice, that they may be found worthy in the last day; that those whom Thou hast redeemed here, by the grace of Thy first Coming, may be consumed by no penalty after the strict account they will have to

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render at Thy second; and that we who now live may so be heard in behalf of the repose of the faithful departed, that by Thy aid, we together with them, may enjoy the eternal fellowship of the blessed.

LORD GOD Almighty, CHRIST the King of Glory, Who art sure Peace and eternal Charity, we pray Thee lighten the secret recesses of our hearts with the light of Thy peace, and make our consciences pure with the sweetness of Thy charity; that we may await the Author of perfect peace, and have Thee always for our guard and protection amidst the troubles of the world: so that encircled by Thy guardianship, we may enjoy in this Holy Sacrament the fruition of the Author of peace, and when in the glory of Thy second Advent Thou comest as the Dealer of righteous retribution, we may obtain the joy of eternal bliss.

Benediction.

MAY the Only-begotten SON of GOD enlighten us with the light of His Coming, Who did not disdain to redeem us with the price of His own BLOOD; may the sweet vision of heavenly grace come unto us, and may the Advent of the LORD JESUS shine upon us; may He, Who vouchsafed to be born of the Ever-Virgin Mother, not depart from our hearts; may the LORD sanctify us by the brightness of His Coming, may He loose our chains

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before He comes, and loosed from our chains, may we await His Coming without fear; and may we be made worthy to look without confusion on His face, to the feast of Whose Incarnation we lovingly look forward: through the tender mercy of our God Himself, Who liveth and governeth all things, for ever and ever.

Christmas

O CHRIST, our Lord, by Whose Nativity peace has been restored to earth, peace has been brought to men of peaceful minds; grant, we beseech Thee, O Thou Who in Thy first Coming, didst come in man's flesh, and didst vouchsafe to reconcile the world unto Thyself in peace, that we, reconciled by Thee, may abide continually in Thy peace; so that, at Thy second Coming, when Thou comest in majesty and glory, Thou mayest make us heirs of eternal peace; and that those Thou makest here the pledge of Thy peace in these mighty Mysteries, Thou mayest grant to guard it inviolably, even unto the end.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who as God art the Salvation of all men, and as Man art alone powerful with God, we call upon Thee, we pray Thee, we beseech Thee, be present with us, spare us, pity us, pardon us; put into our hearts such prayers as Thou mayest answer; put into our lips such words as Thou mayest hear; grant us to do such deeds as Thou mayest bless in the doing:

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we ask not, O LORD, that Thou shouldest be restored unto us; but as Thy Birth in the flesh has long since been accomplished, so we pray, that Thy unseen GODHEAD may be incorporated into us; and that That which was given in the Flesh unto Mary, may now be vouchsafed spiritually unto the Church: lastly, may undoubting faith conceive Thee, may a mind free from wickedness bring Thee forth, and may a soul, overshadowed by the Power of the Highest, ever retain Thee.

O LORD CHRIST, Who art both the Mighty GOD, and the humble Man, we Thy suppliant servants, do pray, that the peace which, when Thou wast about to ascend into Heaven Thou didst give unto Thy beloved ones, the same Thou mayest give, increase, perfect, and preserve unto us; we ask also, O LORD, the holy outpouring of Thy mercy, that after the manner in which undefiled Virginity conceived Thee in the Flesh, the Undivided TRINITY may sanctify our Oblations; to the end, that after we have partaken of them, with fear and trembling, whatsoever in us lives to the injury of the Soul may die, and whatsoever dies may never more come to life.

O LORD, Who in the first Coming of Thy glory didst vouchsafe to come in humility, on account of our sins; Who hast shown us the way, that we might follow it; hast taught us the life, that we might meditate upon it; hast declared

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unto us the truth, that we might hold it fast: we therefore pray Thee, O LORD, that These Thy gifts may enable us to receive Thee in holy Mysteries, Who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life; that when the second Advent of Thy clemency approaches, our sins may be blotted out in the BLOOD of the LAMB, and that Thou mayest cause our names, with all Thy holy Saints, to be written in the book of life.

WE render thanks unto Thee, O LORD JESU, and Thee, as GOD, we bless from day to day, Who hast vouchsafed to bring us to this season of holy solemnity, and to this Sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; suffer us therefore, Blessed LORD, to keep this holy season of Thy Nativity through many anniversaries, with Thy faithful people, in peace and quietness; arise and stir up Thy strength for our defence, and overcome in Thy power all our enemies; look propitiously upon the desires of our heart, and show us Thy fatherly goodness in the straits of our distress.

Benediction.

MAY the GOD of Peace, the mystery of Whose Incarnation we celebrate with rejoicing, sanctify us unto perfection; may the LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who, as on this day, vouchsafed to be born for us, Himself quicken us by the power of His Nativity; may the same also make us chaste both in body and soul, Who willed to be born of a

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pure Virgin; may He, Who in taking upon Himself human infancy was clothed in filthy rags, clothe us with the garments of heavenly virtues; and may He become our soul's inward Food, Who, by being laid in a manger, willed to be showed forth as destined to be fed upon by believers: through the mercy of our God Himself, Who is Blessed, and liveth, and ruleth all things.

Epiphany

O CHRIST, most High God, and Everlasting King, Who in the days of Herod the king wast born of a pure Virgin, and Who wast made manifest by a brightly beaming star unto the Magi who sought Thee; may there appear in us the safeguard of Thy power, whereby the star of Thy majesty may so shine in us, that no hindrance of error may interpose to hide Thee; but that we may hasten to seek Thee at Thy Altar, and when Thou art found, we may forthwith rejoice.

O GOD, Who, to lighten the labours of this life, hast given unto men divers consolations and joys of Thy gifts; grant unto us that celebrate in holy Mysteries this annual return of Thy Epiphany, to participate in the works of Thy power and in the preparations of our salvation; that according to the great and wondrous events of Thy Manifestation, the fulness of heavenly grace may rest upon us, the wine of prudence may have its savour in

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our hearts; and the star of justice may shine forth in our souls.

O CHRIST, Who vouchsafest to come unto men in humility, and yet wast declared to be God by a star; do Thou so visit our affections, that Thy Church, which rejoices in Thine Epiphany, may stand fast in Thy peace, strengthened for ever; and continuing in works of love, and in the celebration of holy Mysteries, with earnest devotion, may finally come to Thy rejoicing for her reward.

DO Thou appear unto us, O Lord, and be made known unto us, O Lord; as Thou didst once appear manifest in the flesh, as Thou wast born of a Virgin, as Thou wast found of shepherds, made known by power, declared by a star, adored with gifts, manifested at Thy baptism, believed on in the world, received up by the cloud, and declared to be our future Judge: so that, by virtue of the sacred solemnity of Thy glorious Epiphany, Thy Church may receive joys now, as of old, when offering up the holy Mysteries.

O CHRIST, our God, Who proceeding from the Virgin's womb, wast, as at this time, manifested to the world by a star, and adored with gifts; do Thou feed us with honey-comb and milk, the profitable teaching and holy prayers of Thy Church in these sacred Mysteries; so that tasting how sweet the Lord is, we may never fall away to the

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bitterness of the world; but waiting upon Him with heavenly Offerings at His holy Altar we may, in the end, attain unto His heavenly benediction.

Benediction.

MAY JESUS CHRIST our King, Who by His birth troubled the wicked king, Himself reign in us with His power; may He Whose sign appeared to the Magi, when the star shined in the east, enlighten us with His grace for ever; may He give us spiritual understanding, Who made what was water by nature to become wine; may He Who fed thousands with a small portion of bread, fill our mouths with the Food of His doctrine; may He grant to us true innocence, Who willed to show forth the tranquil simplicity of the HOLY SPIRIT by a Dove; and may He vouchsafe to grant this, Whose kingdom and empire abideth, without end, for ever and ever.

Lent

HEAR our prayers, O LORD, and with Thine ears give heed unto our sighings; for we acknowledge our iniquities, and lay before Thee our sins; we have sinned against Thee, and confessing them to Thee, we ask of Thee pardon: and forasmuch as we have departed from Thy commandments, and have not obeyed Thy law, be turned, O LORD, to Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious BLOOD: look

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pitifully on us, we pray Thee, accept this holy Sacrifice which we offer unto Thee, pardon our sins, and vouchsafe to bestow upon us the mercy of Thy holiness.

GRANT unto us, Blessed LORD, that are athirst, so to drink of the stream of the everlasting Fountain, that we thirst not again throughout eternity; drive from our hearts, by its purifying virtue, all the depths and darkness of error, lest at any time the pit shut her mouth upon us: grant also, O CHRIST, that we may find Thee, in the perennial springs of holy Mysteries, we, who through our own fault have fallen into condemnation; that as oft as we fall into sin, so often may we be cleansed of it by the gift of Thy holiness; and do Thou take from our hearts the wickedness of our old life, Thou, Who by the grace of the SPIRIT, dost work in us the increase of faith.

GRANT unto us all, O Good JESU, that in keeping this Fast under Thy protection, we may not be defiled by impurity, nor wounded by wickedness, nor divided by schism: but let us all, gathered together in the unity of Thy holy faith, be so protected by the defence of Thy Blessed SPIRIT, that, being illumined, we may be cleansed from all our sins: so that, coming to the celebration of the holy Paschal feast, we may both fervently and faithfully partake of the Mystery of our redemption, and also rejoice that we are truly restored to the state of eternal light.

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O CHRIST, SON of the Living GOD, grant unto us, that our names may be written on the pages of the Book of Life: grant also unto us, O Holy GOD, that we who with faithful intention believe and confess the Name of the most Holy TRINITY, may never become the slaves of eternal punishment: may those that are called to the same faith which we have received from Thee, be never tortured with the torment of everlasting fire; but do Thou grant unto them, that as they have in this life kept unshaken the profession of the true faith, so in the joys of the life hereafter they may, by the grace of these holy Mysteries, attain an eternal reward.

O JESU, SON of GOD the FATHER, Fountain of eternal life, give unto us that are athirst the living Water of eternal life; let us be made, we pray Thee, a temple in which Thou mayest eternally dwell, that in virtue of the life-giving Sacrament, we may for ever have within us Thy kingdom; do Thou, O CHRIST, hear us from Thy holy place, when, according to Thy command, we pray unto Thee from earth.

HEAR us, O LORD CHRIST, Almighty, everlasting GOD, and according to Thy great mercy, which Thou deniest not unto those that seek Thee with a pure mind, accept the petitions of all; sanctify therefore our prayers, which in humble supplication we pour forth before Thee, and vouchsafe to turn to good effect the desires of

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our hearts; grant that our fasting may be found so blameless before Thee, that we may never be held bound in the snares of the devil, but may be found pure, and free from the stains of our sins; and thus being prepared both in soul and body, may we be made worthy to approach Thy sacred Altar without the danger of profaning it.

Benediction.

MAY the LORD JESUS establish our hearts in the fear of His holy Name, and sanctify our abstinence; may we, by the sanctification of fasting, be found worthy to be delivered from the bonds of all our sins; may He, Who hath redeemed us by the BLOOD of His Cross, mortify in us the concupiscence of the flesh; may we, by abstinence, prepare a most pure dwelling in ourselves for Him, the sign of Whose faith we bear upon our forehead, that we may attain unto the most holy festival of Easter with the fruit of good works; and may we, who, under His protection, have passed through the fastings of the days that are past, be strengthened by Him to complete the offerings of self-denial that remain: through the infinite tender mercy of our LORD GOD Himself, Who liveth and ruleth all things, for ever and ever.

Easter

O LORD JESU CHRIST, by the power of Whose Resurrection old things have lost their re-

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proach, death hath lost its sting, the prison hath lost the guilty, and the chain the condemned: by Whom also those who were slaves, have now been made sons; those whose portion was earthly, have now communion with Angels; those who were destined to live with the creature, are now made to reign with the Creator; those by whom the devil was to be avoided, have now to learn that he is to be subdued; those to whom it was not permitted to retain Paradise, it is now allowed, through grace, to hope for Heaven; grant, we most humbly beseech Thee, that in the Life-giving Sacrament of the Eucharist, until Thou make us perfect by Thy healing, Thou withdraw not Thy medicines from our wounds.

WE beseech Thee, O LORD, that when prayed unto, Thou wilt vouchsafe to stand beside us; when sought for, to be present; when knocked unto, to open. Write in heavenly pages the names of those who make unto Thee, in these holy Mysteries, faithful offerings; set forth Thy promise in the Saints; show Thy mercy in the lost: we also pray Thee, O LORD, by virtue of Thy Resurrection, to set free all who are visited by fear, afflicted by want, harassed by tribulation, overwhelmed by disease, given over unto punishment, bound under debt; and to be mindful of passing spirits, that Thy mercy having set them free from guilt, they may be carried by Angels into Abraham's bosom.

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O LORD JESU CHRIST, Light of Thy Saints, and true Happiness of blessed Souls, grant that we, who joyfully celebrate with the divine Sacrament the day of Thy Resurrection, may be made meet both by the offering of ourselves, and by embracing Thy peace, to raise ourselves, by Thy grace, to good and holy living; and grant that, by Thy mercy, being made whiter than snow, and being cleansed by Thy love, we may be made free from the blackness of guilt.

O GOD, Who hast taught us that it was not the unskilfulness of the Maker, but the sinfulness of the sin; it was not the weakness of creation, but the weakness of the will, that caused sin and death; grant, we pray Thee, that we, confessing both the greatness of Thy power and the weakness of our ungoverned will, may, by the grace of Thy Resurrection, and in the due celebration of the holy Mysteries, attain to such obedience to the word of Thy commandments, that we be neither willing nor able to sin.

Benediction.

MAY our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who for our sins underwent the Cross, make us observe the mystery of our unfailing redemption; may He, Who dying for the salvation of the whole world, rose again, as on this day, from the tomb, by His Resurrection, make us to die unto sin, purging us by His BLOOD; may He, Who by the Cross de-

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stroyed the dominion of death, make us partakers of blissful life; may we, who have been buried with Him in baptism, be found worthy to have a part in the first Resurrection; and may we, who joyfully celebrate the feast of His Resurrection in this world, be found worthy of the fellowship of the Saints in Heaven: through the mercy of our God, Who is blessed, and liveth, and governeth all things for ever.

Ascension

LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ, Who, ascending into the Heaven, didst vouchsafe to appear glorified to the eyes of those that were gazing upon Thee; Who dost promise that Thou wilt come again for judgment, in like manner as Thou didst ascend; make us, we beseech Thee, to observe the festival of Thy Ascension at Thy holy Altar with pure devotion of heart; that, by ascending up unto Thee, our life may so go on to perfection, that, when Thou comest for judgment, we may gaze upon Thee with eyes not to be confounded.

O LORD God of all Power, Who hast overpassed the glory of Thy setting by the glory of Thy rising again; we beseech Thee, that the human race which Thou hast redeemed by Thy Death, and quickened by Thy Resurrection, Thou mayest also glorify by Thy Ascension, enrich by Thy promise, and graft into Thy Church; grant us

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also a prosperous journey towards Thee, and ensure unto us a daily advance in holiness by the celebration of Thy life-giving Sacrament.

O GOD, the King of Glory, Who, in fulfilling hast made clear the oracles of the Prophets, and in the lifting up of the eternal gates, dost seek again Thy FATHER'S Throne; may the door of heaven be opened to the human race; may our heart and mind thither ascend whither our Redemption has gone before; may we, who confess Thee reigning in heaven, cease to cling to things of earth with slavish delight; and mayest Thou, made propitious by our humility, from the Altar-throne of Thy majesty, fill the living with Thy gifts, and the dead with Thy consolations.

O LORD JESU, Who, when about to carry up into Heaven the Manhood Thou didst assume on earth, didst leave to Thy holy Apostles, amongst the chief of the mysteries of Thy commandments, the true Peace of GOD; grant, we most humbly beseech Thee, that the gifts laid upon Thy sacred Altar may become unto us, in union with Thy continual Sacrifice in Heaven, a true peace-making Victim.

Benediction.

MAY our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who, going back into the Heavens, gave Peace unto His disciples, keep it in all its fulness in us; may

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He be our helper, Who now sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: may He suffer our body to be enslaved by no slothful passions, Who carried up on high His glorified Body; through Him may we be lifted up thither in faith, whither we hope to be taken up for rest; and may we who have seen the glory of the Ascended, not be punished by the sentence of the Judge: may He grant it, Who liveth and reigneth with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, for ever and ever.

Whitsuntide

O LORD Jesu Christ, Who art to the faithful propitious, to the wicked long suffering, to penitents appeased, and to unbelievers art convincing; grant, we pray Thee, that in these holy Mysteries, the manifestation of Thyself, the Comforter, may be the Convincer of heretics, the Guard of virgins, the Defender of widows, the Shield of orphans, the Avenger of the oppressed, the Consoler of the sad, and the true and sure Guide of the doubtful.

WE declare with joy Thy mighty wonder, O Lord, and we believe that Thy Holy Spirit hath fallen on us in all His fulness, Who was formerly given by Thee to Thy disciples; we therefore pray Thee, O God, that That which we know to be figured in the Blessed Sacrament may be fulfilled in our hearts; and that being firmly

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rooted in that love which, through the Blessed SPIRIT, has been shed abroad in our hearts, and being deemed worthy of the Comfort of the PARACLETE, we may be made meet to be crowned in the coming of Thy judgment.

MOST High and Ineffable LORD GOD, Who art known to be the hearer, not of the voice only, but also of the heart; Who regardest the mind, not the years; Who desirest to be honoured, not with the lips, but with the soul; Who embracest us with benign comfort lest we should perish, and gatherest the lost under the shadow of Thy wings; vouchsafe to cleanse our hearts from the stains of sin in this all-holy Sacrament, to the end that purged from all defilement, and rescued from the whirlpool of the world, we may be found worthy to be made the temple of GOD the HOLY GHOST.

O GOD, Who to the hearts of contrite sinners dost give Thy Sanctifying SPIRIT, by Whom they may believe on Thee, by whose inspiration they may realise Thee, through Whom they may remember the majesty of Thy glory: send forth from Thy holy heaven, we pray Thee, Thy Eternal SPIRIT, that by Him our oblations may be sanctified, our prayers accepted, and our sins expiated; and that to all who worthily partake of Thy holy Table, there may be given pardon of sin, renewal of life, and everlasting joy of the eternal promises.

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Benediction.

MAY the HOLY SPIRIT, Who, of old, came down upon the Apostles in Tongues of fire, purge our hearts from all sins; as they were taught the language of all nations, so may we be taught the spiritual language, and possess all fulness of divine love; and may He, Who was to the Apostles the Teacher of heavenly doctrine, be to us the pardoner of all sins: may He grant and further this, Who with the FATHER and the SON, One GOD, liveth and reigneth for ever and ever.

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